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GREAT AIR BATTLES CONTINUE OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, July 25 (UP).—It has been revealed that there were 5,300 people aboard the transport Lancastria when she was bombed and sunk while anchored off St. Nazaire.

A large number of women and children were included among the passengers.

4 Meatless Days A Week For Italians

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—From the beginning of August, Tuesday will be a meatless day in Italy, according to a German news agency message from Rome.

It is noted that Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are already meatless days.

Bread in restaurants will be restricted to 5½ ounces per person.

DUNKIRK TRAGEDY

2,477 Survivors From Lost Lancastria

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Altogether 2,477 survivors from the liner Lancastria, lost at St. Nazaire during the final evacuation from France, are known to have been picked up.

Aboard at the time she sank were, it is estimated, 5,300 people, including a number of women and children refugees.

This was revealed in London this evening when the circumstances of the sinking came to light. It is possible that the actual number of those picked up may have been larger and that others may have made their way ashore and have fallen into enemy hands.

There is great difficulty in estimating what are the exact figures in view of the difficult circumstances under which the evacuation was taking place.

Sunk At Anchor

The Lancastria was sunk at anchor, having just completed embarking personnel for the evacuation. After half an hour's ineffectual attacks by aircraft, she was hit by a salvo of bombs and immediately took a heavy list.

This severely hampered the launching of the ship's life-boats. She capsized and finally sank within half an hour of being struck. The majority of the survivors were picked up by small craft which were engaged in ferrying other personnel from the docks to troop-ships. Some, however, managed to swim and wade ashore in the shallow water.

Alexandria Raided

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—A naval communiqué says that Alexandria was raided by a small number of aircraft in the early hours of today.

A few bombs, including incendiary bombs, were dropped indiscriminately, causing only minor damage. One person was killed and seven were injured.

POLISH GOVERNMENT IN LONDON



HIS MAJESTY the King, chatting with Count Raczynski (centre), the Polish Ambassador in London and Admiral Swirski, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Navy. The Polish Government removed from France to Britain with the collapse of French resistance.

BRITAIN EXTENDS NAVAL BLOCKADE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, July 25 (UP).—Great Britain which is under almost constant German air attacks, appeared today to be extending her naval blockade against Germany and Italy to all of Western Europe and north-western Africa.

No official statement has been made in London with regard to the authoritative indications that the blockade must be made to apply to Spain, conquered France, Portugal and certain African ports in order to achieve the objective—cutting off supplies from the Nazi and Fascist war machines.

However, political circles reported that Mr. Dalton was prepared to announce the extension of the blockade until the postponement of his scheduled statement in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Whether, in view of the British efforts to maintain normal relations with Spain, the extension will be formally announced later, is uncertain but there are strong indications that in any event, determined efforts will be made to prevent goods from being re-shipped to Germany.

NAZI-TURKISH TRADE PACT

ANKARA, July 25 (Reuter).—A trade agreement signed to-day between Turkey and Germany provides for an exchange of goods to the value of 21,000,000 Turkish pounds.

In Order

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—It is pointed out here that the Ankara agreement is in complete harmony with the political undertakings of the Turkish Government, which do not exclude trade relations with Germany.

ANKARA, July 25 (Reuter).—The National Assembly to-day voted new extraordinary credits of nearly £13,000,000 for land, air and naval forces and other national defence needs.

CHAOTIC INDUSTRY

Petroleum Concerns Face Bankruptcy

MEXICO CITY, July 25 (Reuter).—President Cardenas has ordered the Labour Union leaders to carry out drastic re-organisation of the Mexican petroleum industry within a week.

A chaotic financial situation has developed in the industry since the foreign oil companies were expropriated two years ago.

Loss Of Markets

The reasons for this include the loss of European markets, labour demands exceeding those at the time of the expropriation and insufficient tankers even for minimum exports.

In addition, the Government has had to sink additional capital, amounting to about 100,000,000 pesos in the industry in order to meet maintenance costs.

Experienced observers declare that in re-organising the industry, the number of workers must be reduced; wages must be heavily cut, and holidays shortened by half.

Workers, while expressing willingness to co-operate to save the industry, claim that the present situation is entirely due to the incompetence of the management.

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).

The State Department announces that the United States Army Transport is leaving New York immediately for Panama to remove stranded Americans.

80 NAZI PLANES ATTACK IN BIGGEST RAID OF DAY

LONDON, July 25 (REUTER).—HUNDREDS OF BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES FOUGHT FURIOUS BATTLES OVER THE CHANNEL TO-DAY, WHEN THE AIR WAR FLARED UP WITH NEW FIERCENESS.

Fighting lasted a long time, and at times the sky seemed to be filled with battling planes.

A.A. guns were in action along the south-east coast almost incessantly, and many bombs were dropped.

It is believed that two enemy planes at least were shot down in flames into the sea by British fighters during a raid on a convoy by over 50 dive-bombers escorted by an equal number of fighters.

The dive-bombers attacked three times.

80 PLANES ATTACK

The biggest day of raids on the south-east coast began with an attack on shipping in the Channel by 80 enemy planes, which flew over the coast at noon.

Several bombs were also dropped inland, on the cliffs by the raiders, which were driven off by gunfire from the ground and fighters.

Little damage was caused and no ships were hit.

Day's Biggest Battle

The day's biggest battle was fought later when 50 dive-bombers attacked a convoy of over 20 small cargo vessels. It is believed that two German planes were shot down over the sea in the bitter combat which followed the raids.

The first warning of the dive-bombers' approach was given by the roar of A.A. guns. The bombers were seen flying on a straight course from the direction of the French coast in a high altitude, stepped up in tier upon tier with fighters above them.

British Challenge

Scores of British fighters streaked across the sky to ward them off and were instantly engaged by the German fighters, while the dive-bombers circled low, seeking a position from which to hurl down in an attack on the convoy.

As they dived, watchers on the shore could see the bombs fall from the racks.

There were 27 attackers in the first wave, and this was followed by another attack by a second wave of 27, which swept down in an almost perpendicular dive.

Shells burst all around the Germans as they attacked.

Daring Manoeuvre

A German squadron leader, showing greater daring than any other attacker, roared down over one of the ships in the convoy and flattened out until his machine appeared to alight on the masts when he released his bombs.

The raiders climbed steeply back and quickly repeated the attack. Then "flaming onagers" dotted the sky around them and they fled.

Fighters closed in on them while they tried to reach the cover of the clouds and after a crackle of machine-gun fire, two fell in flames into the sea.

Five Nazi Planes Down

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced: "In the course of a series of attempted attacks on shipping off the south-east and south-west coasts to-day, four enemy aircraft have been shot down by R.A.F. fighters and anti-aircraft guns. A fifth enemy aircraft was shot down by R.A.F. fighters off the north-east coast of Scotland this morning."

WHEAT FOR SPAIN

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced in London that exchange notes were signed on July 24 between the Portuguese, Spanish and British Governments regarding the acquisition by Spain of wheat for her own use and of Portuguese colonial products.

To facilitate payments for the latter, Britain has agreed that purchases to the value of £600,000 can be paid through Anglo-Spanish clearing.

NAZI REPRISALS IN NETHERLANDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, July 25 (UP).—It has been officially announced that "several hundred" Dutch men and women, mostly colonial civil servants on leave in Holland, have been interned as a German reprisal for the internment of Germans in the Dutch colonies.

The announcement stated that those interned will be accorded the same treatment as the Germans interned and that their confinement will continue until the Germans are released and allowed to pursue their business unhindered.

It added that the number of Dutch people interned will be doubled soon and the reprisals intensified unless the Dutch Government in London and the colonial authorities change their policies.

Cuba's Plan For Colonies In New World

To Become Republics Or Be Annexed

HAVANA, July 25 (Reuter).—Against the United States plan for a collective mandate, the Cuban delegation at the Pan-American Conference is urging that where action is necessary, the colonies of European belligerents in the New World should be temporarily entrusted to the care of a neighbouring nation to be agreed on by the Conference.

Under the proposed plan, the colonies are to be absolutely free to decide whether they wished to set themselves up as new republics, or be annexed by another American nation.

Checking Propaganda

The various plans for checking attempts inspired from abroad to establish "unacceptable" systems of government in the Americas do not include military measures, but one proposal calls for curtailment of privileges enjoyed by diplomatic and consular representatives.

The formulation of economic measures to curb foreign influence in the New World will, it is believed, be postponed until the delegates meet at Washington.

New "Mustn't" For Nazi Public

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The German public has been forbidden to listen to German broadcasts from transmitting stations in German-occupied territories and controlled by German authorities, according to the Dutch "Anzer" news agency.

Severe penalties, including imprisonment, are threatened against violation of this new order, the agency adds.

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The War Office announced that Gold Coast and Nigerian troops arrived in East Africa some days ago.

AIR RAID ON HAIFA

Civilian Casualties Amount To 100

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—There were about 100 civilian casualties in yesterday's half-hour air raid on Haifa, according to to-day's war communiqué.

The communiqué says that in Palestine yesterday enemy aircraft raided Haifa in the early morning and several thousand tons of kerosene and lubricating oil were set afire, but the fire was brought under control and was prevented from spreading by the afternoon.

Civilian casualties numbered about 100, but there were no military casualties. On other fronts there is nothing to report.

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- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
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- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes—10x12, 10x15, 12x18.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Defenders Are Busy

Nazis Ceaselessly Assault Coast

London, July 25. German planes, reinforced by American-made bombers obtained from France, resumed the mass raids on Britain and British shipping at dawn to-day. They twice bombed a North Sea convoy, but, according to reports, the ships were not damaged.

To-day Air Ministry communiqué stated:—"Since the small hours of Wednesday Spitfires and anti-aircraft guns have been beating off attacks of German bombers and fighters and mine-laying aircraft, which have been operating against ships and shipping routes round our coasts."

"Twelve enemy aircraft are known to have been destroyed, 10 by fighters and two by anti-aircraft guns. Two of our fighters are missing, but the pilot of one is known to be safe. "Flying sometimes in heavy rainstorms between layers of cloud, pilots of the Fighter Command fought Heinkel, Dornier, and Junkers bombers, Messerschmitt 109's, a new Heinkel 113 fighter, and even American aircraft captured by the Germans from the French."

"Anti-aircraft gunners saw a Dornier 17 and a Dornier 215 crash after they had fired at them. The Dornier 17 was caught by searchlights over the north-west coast of England at 3 a.m. "Our second burst pushed its tail up," reported one battery. "The enemy aircraft then fell into a dive. Its engine cut out, but it flattered out and its engines came on again, but the Dornier at once burst into flames." It crashed eight miles from the gunners who had brought it down.

"The second anti-aircraft success was scored off the south coast. The gunners saw their shells hit the Dornier 215 and they watched it crash into the sea."

Spitfires' Day
The Air Ministry announced that American Chance-Vought 56 bombers were twice encountered by a Spitfire squadron during yesterday morning. They were accompanied by Messerschmitt 109's.

At the first meeting one Chance-Vought and two Messerschmitts crashed into the sea. The Chance-Vought, attacked by a sergeant-pilot.

No Night Raids

London, July 25. For the first time since the bombing raids by the Germans on Britain began on a larger scale there was a lull in aerial activity last night. No reports of attacks were received, though yesterday and today a wide-spread activity over land and sea, with 12 German planes known to have been destroyed.

The raids, however, were resumed early this morning when enemy planes attempted an attack on a number of ships in a convoy in the North Sea. The ships and escorting vessels put up a vigorous fire and drove off the planes. Later the attack was renewed and again repulsed without loss, the raiders being chased off by British fighters.—*Reuter*.

At the second meeting a Messerschmitt plunged out of control, and a Chance-Vought staggered away with a badly damaged wing. From the beginning to the end it was the Spitfires' day. Before 8 a.m. Spitfires had shot down a Junkers 88 bombers off the Welsh coast. Up to early evening they were still successfully destroying and beating off the enemy.—*United Press*.

Shipping Unscathed

London, July 25. It is estimated that 80 German planes took part in the bombing of Channel shipping this morning, but the shipping was not damaged.

An eye-witness said that swarms of British fighters converged on the raiders and drove them off.—*United Press*.

German Account

Berlin, July 25. The High Command to-day announced that German bombers had attacked the Vickers works at Weybridge and industrial objectives at Great Yarmouth, and Glasgow. Ten British planes and six German planes were lost.—*United Press*.

SUNK OFF BREST

Lancastria's Fate Disclosed

New York, July 25. According to unconfirmed reports the steamer Lancastria was sunk off Brest during the evacuation. There were 6,000 aboard, but only 500 were lost, despite the fact that the rafts and boats were machine-gunned and bombed.

Bombers appeared just as the landing was completed and scored three aerial torpedo hits, one torpedo entering the funnel and exploding in the boiler room.

The ship sank quickly, but the boats were in position and this enabled the majority of the troops to abandon ship. The surgeon, Dr. Shaw, rescued Captain Sharp, who was near drowning after the ship had sunk beneath him. The Cunard White Star Line said they had no information concerning his whereabouts.—*United Press*.

The Lancastria, a liner of 10,243 tons, was built at Glasgow in 1922 for Cunard White Star Ltd.

Another United Press message, from London, confirms the report of the sinking of the Lancastria, stating she was bombed and sunk five weeks ago off the Breton coast, one of the main B.E.F. bases in France. Most of the B.E.F. had already been taken off and the Lancastria was carrying a very large number of details and stragglers belonging to base troops.

French Liner Sunk

London, July 25. The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, announced in the House of Commons to-day that an enemy torpedo last night sank the French steamer Melnes, which was repatriating nearly 1,300 French naval officers.

Mr. Alexander said that a motor torpedo boat attacked the Melnes, which was flying the French flag, and French colours painted on her deck and sides, and was fully a thousand were saved.

Mr. Alexander added that this "deliberate and callous attack on a non-belligerent ship" occurred at 10.30 p.m. A German communiqué admitted the responsibility, announcing that a German torpedo boat had sunk an 18,000-ton ship.—*United Press*.

The Melnes, a steamer of 6,127 tons, was built in France in 1913 for the Cie Generale Transatlantique.

18,000-Ton Ship Sunk

Berlin, July 25. The High Command to-day announced:—"A speedboat torpedoed and sank a British steamer of 18,000 tons south of Portland."—*United Press*.

Extension Of Blockade

London, July 25. The Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. H. D. Gurney, is expected to make a statement in the House of Commons this afternoon announcing the extension of the British blockade to all the western coast of Europe and to North Africa, as Britain must take all steps to prevent supplies reaching Germany and Italy.

It is understood that since a state of war began certain Spanish and Portuguese imports, particularly oil, have increased many times above the normal and have become larger since the capitulation of France, which now provides the easiest route for supplies to the belligerents.—*United Press*.

Virtual U.S. Embargo

Washington, July 25. A virtual embargo has been placed on fuel or lubricant supplies reaching Germany and Italy through an intermediary, it was learned from an authoritative source to-day.

This statement followed an announcement by the Maritime Commission that it had a few days ago halted the sailing of two United States tankers laden with 200,000 barrels of oil bound for Spain from a port in Texas.

An official explained that the action was taken because the Commission thought it dangerous to allow American ships to go to so near belligerent activity.

The official added that the Commission had adopted this general policy without being asked to do so by the White House or the State Department.

Welfare Of Animals

Work Of Hongkong S.P.C.A. Reviewed At Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held in the office of the Registrar, Supreme Court, yesterday.

His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, the President and Chairman of the Society, presided, and referred to the annual report, already published, as a most admirable one. Dealing with the finances, Sir Atholl pointed out that there was \$10,000 in the Fixed Deposit Account at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and that cash at the Bank was over \$3,000.

Sir Atholl said he was largely responsible for the decision not to have a flag day this year. He thought, then, and was still of opinion, that it would have been the worst of tactical mistakes to go, in the time of two wars and so much human distress, through the streets and ask for relief for animals.

Sir Atholl then referred to the Shanghai S.P.C.A. and its admirable magazine, and added that he thought the liaison between the Hongkong and Shanghai Societies would be of inestimable benefit, the realisation of the effects of cruelty to animals would spread to the whole of the China Coast.

The Dogs' Home

Reference was made to the Dogs' Home, which was doing untold good for the welfare of the Colony's dogs and cats. Evacuees have found in the home a comfortable and safe place for their pets.

Sir Atholl congratulated Mrs. F. H. Loseby, the Honorary Secretary of the Home, for completing a five years' period of work there, and gratitude was expressed for the excellent care that had been given by her. Hope was expressed that Mrs. Loseby would have the opportunity of continuing her work at the Home, in which she had her whole heart.

The Press were thanked for the free and good publicity accorded to the Society since it became a reality.

Thanks were also extended to the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Thomson and Co., Chartered Accountants.

Mr. Loseby thanked the Chairman for his kind remarks concerning Mrs. Loseby.

Sir Atholl proposed the adoption of the annual report and accounts, and Mr. Loseby seconded. The report and accounts were duly adopted.

Sir Atholl proposed that the Officers of the Society, the members of the General Executive Committee, and the Hon. Auditors now holding office, be re-elected, and this was seconded by Mrs. Smalley, and adopted.

The Society's Officers are as follows: President: His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor. Vice-President: Mr. F. H. Loseby. General Committee: Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Mrs. H. H. Battersby, Mr. H. C. Cockle, Mr. D. Davies, Mrs. E. T. Tong, Mrs. F. B. Forbes, Mrs. G. Grassie, Mr. C. H. Grenham, Mrs. Guinness, Mr. F. H. Loseby (Ex. Officio), Mrs. G. V. Hobbs, Mrs. Landis, Mrs. A. Leiper, Mrs. G. H. Loseby, Mrs. J. MacGregor, Mrs. G. P. de Martin, Mrs. F. G. Maund, Mr. B. Postan, Mrs. H. F. Phillips, Mr. R. Dornier (Ex. Officio), Mr. N. J. Perrin, Mr. T. Russell, Mrs. R. H. Shore, Mrs. M. Smalley, Mrs. A. E. Southard, Mr. M. P. Tait, Mrs. C. C. Willson, Dr. C. Yeo.

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partment. Foreign tankers were not affected.

Another authoritative source stated that the embargo was directed against potential go-betweens for the Axis Powers or Japan and it was being applied under the recent Presidential proclamation authorising the Treasury Department to impose shipping controls.

In the case of a shipment to Spain, it was declared, the official reason was that the quantities were too large for Spain's normal consumption.—*Reuter*.

SHANGHAI TROUBLE

Shanghai, July 25. Criticism of the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Mr. Keswick, was made by the Japanese members, Mr. Isaku Okamoto and Mr. Yutaro Hamaya, at yesterday's meeting.

The Japanese heatedly ridiculed Mr. Keswick's action in calling a meeting of the Consular body to discuss the prevention of terrorism without the approval of the full Council, and demanded that he promise never to release a statement without Japanese approval.

Mr. Keswick rejected the demand, maintaining that his action was consistent with precedent.

The meeting called by Mr. Keswick was held yesterday but no definite decision was reached.

Japanese Objection

Shanghai, July 25. For three hours this afternoon the Consular body held a discussion like to have a "trial" effect on the future of the International Settlement. British and Italian authorities were represented at the meeting which considered an appeal made by the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Mr. Keswick, for co-operation in combining the wave of terrorism which is sweeping the city.

It is understood that a resolution considering action to be taken was proposed by the senior Consul, Herr Paul Scheel, Danish Consul-General. The Japanese objected to the motion and urged that the only satisfactory solution would be acceptance by the other Powers of the actualities—recognition of the Nanjing regime and suppression of pro-Chungking activities.

The Press to-day generally predicted that the meeting would confer special powers on the Council with the result that stringent curfew hours would be enforced, barricades erected at important street corners and extensive co-operation afforded by the military and defence forces.—*Reuter*.

Chinese Kidnapped

Four gunmen to-day kidnapped Mr. Y. S. Fong, wealthy Vice-President of the American-owned United Chemical Industries, after shooting his bodyguard. The motive is unknown although it may be connected with the fact that Mr. N. F. Allman, American lawyer and member of the Council who is on Nanjing's black list, is President of the concern.

The gunmen forced Mr. Fong to leave his car from in front of his home and enter the kidnappers' car. The bodyguard was shot in the head and is in a serious condition.—*United Press*.

TOLL OF THE ROAD

Two Fatalities Result From 95 Accidents

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ended on Saturday, there were altogether 95 traffic accidents as the result of which two persons were killed and 43 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, a Chinese female, age 47, was knocked down and killed by a bus while crossing the carriageway and a six-years-old boy died from injuries received on falling off a moving lorry.

Of the persons injured, 34 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriageway; a motor cyclist and a passenger were injured as the result of a collision between vehicles; a motor cyclist, a bicycle rider and a lorry driver were injured when their vehicles ran onto road-sides; a private car driver was injured when his car ran off the roadway; and three bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving buses.

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Friday, July 26

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Parcels 3.00 p.m.
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Saturday, July 27

Straits and Calcutta. Parcels. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai 1.10 p.m.
Bangkok 1.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island. G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. 2.45 p.m.
Ord. 3.30 p.m.

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta. 3.30 p.m.

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Parcels July 27, 5 p.m.
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Sunday, July 28

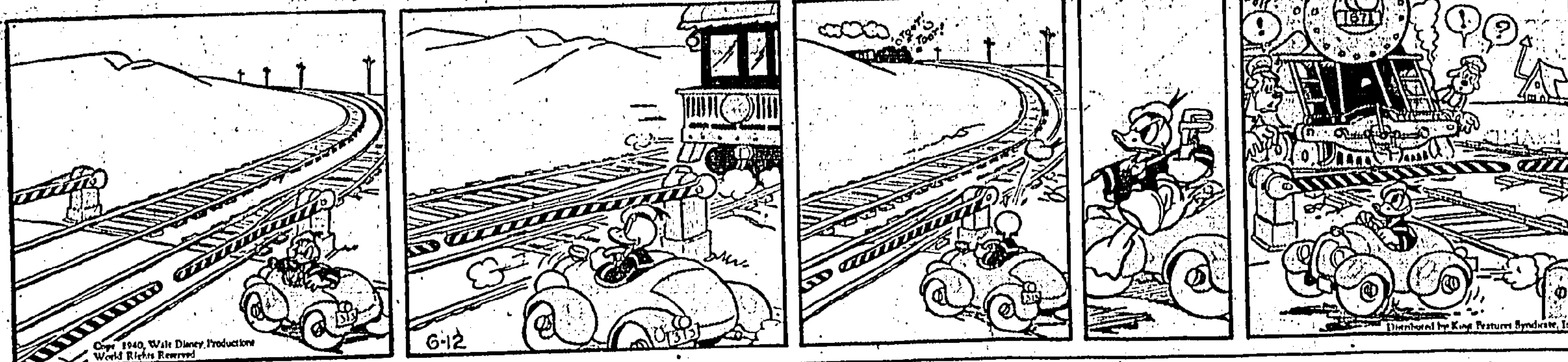
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Monday, July 29

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A LIKELY TALE

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SEDATELY the train moved through the heat. The woman in a second-class compartment felt stifled and depressed. She decided that she felt very tired. Had it all been worth while, all the packing, the careful house locking? Would Margaret be glad they had come? Suddenly she wished violently the train would stop and let her return to her peaceful garden, her cool, silent house.

In the train you were so helpless. It was master. It released you when it chose, not before. Panic rose in her and made her gasp. To save herself she spoke to her husband.

"I do hope the McCabes remember the roses. They mustn't die." He grunted. She tried again. "Why won't the train go quicker? I'm longing to see Margaret."

"We'll get there soon enough." He was on edge, too. Was he sharing her fear for their welcome? "She'll be so surprised to see us. I wonder will she be happy we've come?"

"A fine daughter if she's not pleased to see her own parents after six months." "Yes, but maybe we should have written. You know we did miss her a whole year on her own."

Anxiously she waited for him to reassure her, but he was lost in his paper. There was silence between them again, and the woman thought of her daughter—too clever and high spirited she had seemed to tie down to the petty life of a dusty bush town, so they had sent her off to a job in the city, happy to be giving her what she wanted. It was a good job, Margaret made friends, contrived to have a tiny flat of her own, and had joyous letters home. They had missed her terribly, but had suppressed their desire to visit her.

when she was having so much fun as a bachelor girl. Now, after six months, they had determined to pay her a surprise visit and risk her welcome. INCREDIBLY, the taxi had left them at Margaret's flat. As they climbed the three flights of stairs the mother again beat down panic. She couldn't bear it, she thought, if she saw that strained look of politeness that froze Margaret's face when she had to make the best of a difficult situation.

Oh, God, please make her really glad to see us. Margaret appeared at the door. There was a pitiful pause while parents and child fought for words. Then the girl was trying to hold them both at once while she sobbed, "You do want me after all. You really do want me." Puzzled, but ridiculously elated, they led her inside.

Hours later Margaret tore up a letter that began: "Dear Mother and Dad, I've had to forgive me because really it's your fault. I'm going away to-night with Dick. He's married, but he wants me, and he loves me and I don't care about anything else. Nobody else cares about me at all. You packed me off down here. You never ask me to come home. You never even visit me."

The HUSBAND'S No. 3 FRIEND In the old days before women took over the bars, it was necessary to have a different category of drinks for the weaker sex. Somehow, anything pink was supposed to be weak as well as pretty. The Algonquin Bar Punch is a good sample of the sloe gin.

1/2 bar spoon of sugar
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1/2 glass lemon juice
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Stir and pour into tall glass with cracked ice. Dress with fruit.

By BETTY McARDLE

There should be a law against Moving

THIS is a story about moving. But before I start I'd like to make it clear to landlords, butchers, milkmen, and other people that there is no need to get panic-stricken. It's all about the last time I moved—a very moving story.

Of course, any sensible man will have nothing whatever to do with moving. He will just pack a small bag with enough socks, collars, and handkerchiefs to last him a couple of days, and go and book a room at an hotel until the riot is over.

Unfortunately, I have a strong sense of duty. Furthermore, my wife says that there should be a man in the house to reprimand the removalists when they smash legs off chairs and things like that. It is a bit difficult to reprimand a man who is used to walking up a flight of stairs with a sideboard under one arm and a piano under the other. Kindness is the thing.

The last time we moved—or it might have been the time before—I had a couple of bottles of whisky in the house in case of sickness. You never know when a bout or something might swoop on you, and even if you haven't got typhoid, malaria or measles it's good to have something to ward off typhoid, malaria and measles in case typhoid, malaria or measles break out.

Well, there were three of these bottles and I said, "It's a hot day. Would you boys care for a whisky and soda?"

They were half-way out the door with the piano, but they dropped it immediately, making a not unpleasant jangling sound. After they'd finished the second bottle they became extraordinarily

enthusiastic about the job. They even unscrewed the gas-fittings and electric light switches. They also wanted to know if I wanted to take the wallpaper with me.

Mark you, it's not the furniture itself that matters. It's the odds and ends.

"There's half a bottle of tomato sauce here. Not much use packing that. I wonder if Mrs. Jones would like it?"

"Aw, leave it there."

"I certainly will not! Couldn't you drink it? And there's three eggs. You can put those in your pocket. Now come here and help me get these curtain rods down. There's a screw-driver in the drawer of the sewing-machine."

"Sewing-machine's gone."

office. Such a saving in fares, you know."

"Oh, of course. Marvellous how it mounts up, isn't it?"

"I don't wanna live closer to the office! I wanna live hundreds of miles away from it!"

That's when you fall off the step-ladder with the curtain rods.

"Temperament," mutters Auntie. "All these writers are the same. Your uncle, my dear—rest his soul—a marvellous man on the flute. But temperamental. Many was the time after he's come home from a concert when I had to pour cold vinegar over his feet. The only thing that soothed him."

"I must buy a keg of it. Lennie, have you finished now?"



"Well, get a knife or something. Of all the useless—Anyway, see who's at the door."

"Do it yourself. And I hope it's the police."

"WELL, if it's not Auntie Ethel! Come in, Auntie!"

"You're moving, are you?" says Aunt Ethel, falling over a roll of linoleum.

Oh, no. We're just taking the stuff out to dust it. We do it every Wednesday. Won't you sit down? There's a chair outside in the street."

"Did you find the place too small for you, my dear?" asks Auntie sweetly.

"No. It's not exactly that. Of course, we do a lot of entertaining. ("Bunk!" and, another thing, I thought it would be better if I thought I was living closer to his

"You said a mouthful! Where's my hat?"

"But you can't go out—"

"Can't I? Watch me."

And when, after an hour or so you've got yourself soothed, you're confronted with the stark, grim realization that you're homeless and he's yourself into the booking clerk in the hotel and book a room.

I shall never move again. No. That sounds a bit drastic. I'm not as tired as all that. I mean that I shall not shift from my present place of abode unless I am flung out holus-bolus.

You know Holus-Bolus, of course? One of the greatest wrestlers of all time.

Now, getting down to important matters. If you find a fountain pen, it's mine. You can easily tell it. It's got a gold nib in it and it's black.

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1.03 Duke Ellington and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Light Variety.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 An hour of Dance Music.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 R.B.C. Recording—"Breakfast with the Bullfinches" By Ursula Brunston, Music by various composers and Produced by William MacLure.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Orchestral Selections.

Bogatele—Overture (Rixner), Grand Symphony Orchestra, Waltz of the Hours ("Coppelia"—Delibes), Symphony Orchestra.

8.15 Studio—A Farewell Recital by Harry Ore (Piano).

1. Four Valises in A Flat by (n) Schubert, (b) Brahms, (c) Chopin (No. 5), (d) Scriabin (Op. 38); 2. (a) Canonetta del Salvatore Rosa (Liszt), (b) La Campanella (Liszt); 3. Legend (Mozart).

8.45 Songs from Opera.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 Variety Programme.

10.30 Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

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"Perfect gentleman," nothing! The vehemence in her voice was startling—so much so that I missed the next beat of the slow fox-trot, and had to do two quick shuffles to get into step again.



"I came in useful when they wanted someone to field at cricket!"

"I take it, then," I remarked to her, as I neatly side-stepped a couple of berserk truckers, "that you don't hold with the contention that a girl's best friend is her elder brother!"

IT WAS HER turn to miss a beat.

"Who contends THAT?" she asked in amazement.

"A number of reliable authorities," I told her, "including masses of fond mothers and the author of an article, entitled, 'The Growing Girl,' I chanced to read during the week. 'The girl who has a

brother older than herself is fortunate,' states this writer, 'for all through her childhood, and when she reaches her teens she is always sure of male company on those many occasions when a girl MUST have an escort. He can protect and advise her . . .'

"All I can say is whoever wrote THAT never had a brother!" snapped my partner. "I've got two—both older than myself. Sometimes I used to think that THIS was what made it difficult for me—that may be ONE would have been all right . . . but after talking it over with other girls, I found out that there was no difference in having your older brothers singly or in pairs! They were just as useless either way!"

"But surely your brothers have been willing to help and . . ."

"When Fred and Jack were told 'mind their little sister after school hours,' what did they do? Well, they were just as boring you with my life story?" she asked me suddenly, giving me one of those looks popularly referred to as "searching."

"Not at all!" I assured her magnanimously. "Always pleased to listen to the feminine angle on the unfortunate male. Come into the supper-room and tell me what it was they actually DID do after school hours."

"Well," she informed me over a fruit salad, "instead of providing me with the much-valued brotherly protection and care, they 'legged' it down the road to join their schoolmates, while the small girl that was I trotted helplessly

after them, wailing 'Wait for ME!' But they never DID 'wait.'"

"THE only time they took any great notice of me was when they wanted someone to field at cricket! Then I came in useful . . . but they wouldn't let me!—but they said it was 'unladylike!'"

"Not that 'ladylike' conduct would have got me very far with them anyhow! Tears may be a woman's 'best weapon,' but let Little Sister try it, and her brothers will shout 'Cry-baby!'"

brothers generally finished up an argument by kicking one or other of them on the shins—NOT very dignified, I grant you, but about the only thing a little girl could do that was really effective!"

"Nothing like a good kick in the shins," I muttered, "to bring results!"

"Incidentally," she cried, warming to her subject, "you don't have to convince any girl with brothers that The Equality of the Sexes can never be anything more than a beautiful ideal . . . not after she's spent years and years watching The Boys being given spending money to go off untrammelled and unescorted to Beach, Circus, and Zoo, while SHE had to wait to be taken by an unenthusiastic adult—generally Auntie! It's almost impossible to make a little girl see that The Boys are pandered to, not only when they're kiddies, but when they DO arrive at an age when they could be of some use and take you around a little, and they're made at a party, and that's them!"

"At one stage in my life I began to feel that my brothers had for-

gotten that they had a sister at all—until young men began to call around with the idea of taking me out, and then they were amazed that I'd contrived to grow up with SOME sex! attraction for the opposite sex! Brothers . . . I'd much rather have a sister! You CAN borrow stockings and make-up, and things from them—but all that brothers ever give you is an inferiority complex!"

"AFTER which remarks, there's nothing left for me to do, I suppose, but withdraw my opening remark, and say, 'You're an unfortunate girl to have a brother at all!'" I said, politely.

"Well—maybe I'm not so unfortunate a girl to-night," she said, softening. "He WILL be driving me home, and . . ."

"Oh, Betty," cried a young man, suddenly descending upon us, "will you be able to get someone to give you a lift after the show to-night? You see, I've promised to see Isabel Jones back to Brighton, and by the time I get out there . . ."

"What did I tell you?" cried Betty, turning on me in fury. "There's a nice, loving elder brother for you! At the first opportunity . . ."

"I don't think brothers are so bad," I said.

"Oh—and why DON'T you?" "Because now ILL be able to drive you home! Have another fruit salad."

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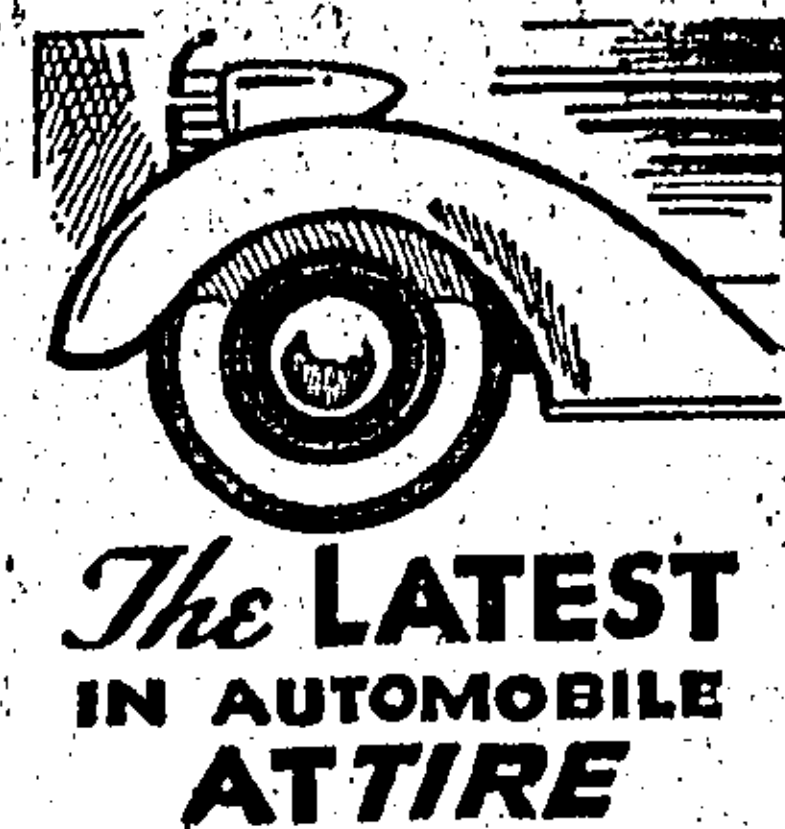
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Evacuation

Government has yet to learn that recrimination which has been directed against it has not been because the evacuation was carried out but because of the methods employed in carrying it out. The Colony has been treated to a refreshing and consoling example of the fact that, although democracy does not prevail in this corner of Empire, the voice of the people has been heard to a degree that would not be tolerated under totalitarian regime; in the first instance, through the Correspondence columns of the Press and, secondly, through the welcome support afforded by the Unofficial Members of Legislative Council.

Recrimination and the possible feeling that "government has got what it deserved" must not, however, blind us to the fact that there are certain aspects of Evacuation which we must support, however intolerable the conditions they impose upon us may seem. The War Cabinet may be expected to know what is best for our destinies. It is inconceivable that evacuation of a section of the community has been ordered at the whim of an official in Whitehall, especially in view of Government's revelation that the Imperial Government is in possession of full knowledge of the disruption of human life and serious disturbance to the economic well-being of the people such evacuation has entailed. We would like to express an analogy which, although not strictly my indictment, one of the reasons prompting the evacuation. In Scandinavia no Norwegian has cavilled at the fact that King Haakon and Queen Maud evacuated the country and are now directing the war from London. There is no censure on Queen Wilhelmina, Princess Beatrix and the two little Dutch Princesses for deserting the Netherlands, the first to remain in London, the latter three to seek sanctuary in Canada. Every Briton would express relief, in the knowledge that Nazi blitzkrieg may bring death and destruction to his motherland; at the thought that the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret-Rose were safe in one of the Dominions. These people are no more blood-related to us than are our wives and children in Whitehall. But, in Hongkong we accept the evacuation from their own countries of Norwegian and Netherlands Royalty, and would accept under similar circumstances the evacuation from our own Motherland of British Royalty, because we realize that their presence is of greater danger to our Cause than their absence. Had the Royal families of Norway and the Netherlands remained at the helm, determined as captains, to go down with the ship (we quote our eminent morning contemporary), then surely the ships of Norway and the Netherlands would have foundered. One has but to recall the strenuous efforts made by the Nazis, to capture the Royal families of our two Allies, to become aware of the danger their continued presence to our Cause would have meant. True, their people are in bondage but they (the people) are sustained by the knowledge that, unlike the Belgians, the rulers to whom they owe

WELLS ON THE WAR

ALTHO' it was "for" a film show that I was lunching with H. G. Wells, we inevitably talked war.

Wells, agree with him or not (I often don't), has been an active & influential thinker. I asked his views on many things now on our minds.

On the prospect of Nazi invasion of England, he took an unusual line. "I think they're making too much fuss about it," he said. "If I were a 5th columnist, I should spread exactly these views, so as to detain in England large bodies of troops who are more urgently needed in France."

On the other hand, I remarked, to empty Britain of troops might be an invitation to an invader: they must presumably be spread out in a balanced way.

allegiance are still fighting their cause and are not hostage to their good conduct. An attempt to draw a parallel between Royalty in Europe and "pure" Britons is not altogether a happy one, what this analogy seeks to show is that one section of the community by their presence, under greater danger to their safety of the whole than by their absence. Once we admit the practical impossibility of evacuating all women and children from Hongkong, as the practical impossibility of such a step was admitted and accepted by the peoples of Poland, Norway, Belgium, Holland and France, we must admit the discrimination—the sort of discrimination that condemns some to possible subjugation and ensures that the remainder cannot and will not become hostages to an enemy at our gate. We have got to realise that the threat to Hongkong will not be a military threat in a strict sense of the word. Our enemy may be expected to be a student of psychology and his threat, if it comes, will be to the people whom he can make hostages. The potential defender of Hongkong are not afraid of anything in the world, but they are afraid that he would not be a man were he not fearful of what may be visited upon his women and children. This elementary fact has been long recognised in military circles. Remove the hostages to safety, as they were removed in Norway and the Netherlands, and the threat is extinguished.

Military security can know no limitation and if the Imperial Government believes that the security of Empire depends upon the evacuation of a section of the women and children of Hongkong, then those women and children must be evacuated and however unpleasant it becomes to us as individuals, we must whole-heartedly support the Whitehall decision. This Empire is at war and the rights of individuals must be subordinated to the welfare of the whole.

We quarrel, then, not with the fact that evacuation has been ordered for a section of the community and that there has been discrimination against another section, but at the methods by which evacuation has been ordered and carried out. The Hongkong Government is absolved from all responsibility in the ordering of evacuation but it has brought upon itself the odium of the people for its inaptitude in carrying out those orders. From the very beginning there has been no attempt to obtain the confidence of the public by taking the public into its confidence. Orders have been issued and countermanded. Promises have been made and broken. Frankness has been promised, but secrecy has been the watchword. The Press, as liaison between public and Government, has been snubbed. Allegations, invectives, remonstrances, pleas and supplications have been ignored with a lofty disregard for the feelings of the people. Even yesterday's casting of the Legislative Council has not made wiser the men who allege that their wives were the victims of discrimination in Manila, or made known to the remainder certain salient information regarding the future of their wives and children, which is Government's duty to disclose. The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields has trenchantly put his finger on the crux of Hongkong's grievances: We quote what he said yesterday in Legislative Council: "I would like to express my astonishment that further reference has not been made to the question of expense, which looms very largely with people whose wives and families have been sent away. There are a great many people with very little between them and the government's decision about matters of evacuation may be, I think government should make a clear statement of what they are going to do with the people who have been evacuated." That is the only real question that can arise in Hongkong. Rightly or wrongly, the Imperial Government has decided that there must be partial evacuation from Hongkong. We cannot question that decision. Hongkong is a tiny centre of the Empire but its Imperial defence or Imperial strategy may loom much larger than its size or population warrants. What we can and do question are the methods that have been employed in carrying out its decision.

ON the new all-power Defence Act Wells said: "Fine Socialism . . . England has had its revolution."

Only Italy: "Italy stands on three legs, and can shift from one to another. At present the monarchy leg is in the air—but it might come down into use again."

On Labour leaders in the Government: "A much better, more experienced, type than those who went into the Coalition in the last war. For practical purposes a man like Herbert Morrison is far better educated than an Etonian Tory front-bencher."

Wells is still implacably against Halifax & others who thought Goering more "gentlemanly" than a house-painter; still thinks the Russians could help us a lot—"only we must stop treating them like under-servants."

HE doesn't think a negotiated peace possible now; but holds that detailed armistice terms (such as complete air disarmament) should be got ready at once in some neutral country.

WELLS is staying on in London, cherishing his fine Persian carpets; to protect them from incendiary bombs he has just equipped himself with black glasses, shovel, asbestos gloves & apron (stuff from which ruined his best suit).

For a diabetic of 73, he seems in vigorous health; enjoyed every course of a lavish lunch until the last, a strawberry confection, which he tasted & put aside, saying "Unsuitable for a president of the Diabetic Association."

IT was handed to, & consumed by, another guest, a chimpanzee named George. This was the first time I had ever lunched with a chimpanzee and H. G. Wells.

New Ships For Britain

During the next few months, states an Admiralty announcement, the Royal Navy will receive a further large increase in strength, comprising every category of warship from battleships to motor torpedo boats, and a very large number of auxiliary craft.

The acceleration of work in the shipyards is such that the output of new construction is progressively increasing. Nearly 1,000,000 tons of warships are building in British shipyards.

The German Navy has suffered the destruction of a high proportion of its effectives.

The contrast between German naval weakness and the great and growing strength of the Allied navies has apparently alarmed the German High Command. This anxiety is shown by the constant issue of groundless claims of naval sinkings, that German air power has achieved a spectacular ascendancy over British naval power.

Nine months of war experience enables the balance to be struck. Concentrated air power, in close proximity to its own aerodromes, can inflict losses on the less strongly armoured naval units. It has significantly failed, however, to annul the decisive advantages conferred by sea power. A recent and striking example was the successful withdrawal of the Allied armies from the Belgian coast.

The balance of naval strength in favour of the Allies is now far greater than at the outbreak of war. The pre-war strength of the British Empire Navies, and the losses suffered, are:

15 capital ships—1 lost.
7 aircraft carriers—1 lost.
62 cruisers—2 lost.
183 submarines—8 lost.
108 minesweepers, sloops, patrol vessels and gunboats—4 lost.

Since the beginning of the war, in addition to reinforcements of warships of all classes except battleships, the Navy has been strengthened by more than fifty armed merchant cruisers, of which one has been lost; and more than 1,500 minor war vessels and auxiliary craft, of which fifty-eight have been lost. The Allied Fleet has been reinforced by the active co-operation of Polish, Norwegian and Dutch naval forces.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"Oh I feel grand, dear . . . I just finished telling that instalment collector what I thought of him!"

How the NEW WORLD was won

AN historian sat down, in British Empire. It might have been June, 2040, to write the book. Nearly, it was.

For while, filled with a simple faith, an island people rose from their slumberous stupor and assembled their latent words, "The Battle of Britain," might, a few disgruntled politicians still plotted for power.

There was a handful of timorous folk who, fearful of their fortunes and clinging on to their dead pri- villages, would again have sought to placate the enemy of all mankind. There was also a gang of entrenched bureaucrats who, despite the peril, went on wasting time, re-writing formulas, making "indefinite" phrases in order still using, even in emergency, the dilatory ways of Peace.

But, with a power that could conquer anything, the People came on one side, singing for the first time for years the forgotten words of their National Anthem: "Confound their politics, Frustrate their knavish tricks."

The historian forgot his tears as, on page after page, he told the story of the resurgence of a Commonwealth, of a renaissance of a world-scattered people.

He wrote how, when others might have despair, the British became a great arsenal, how the men toiled and the women slaved—to save their land from a ruthless foe.

HE told how far-away Britishers who might have turned aside and leached in the new countries they had won rushed to the aid of their kinsmen in the Motherland, how they pledged their all and did more than they had vowed.

Countless millions renewed their faith. They were inspired with an exaltation of which, before, they had never dreamed.

"Come, life," they said, "come death, we will redeem Mankind."

They built, even in the main streets of their great cities, shelters from the peril overhead.

They sent their children to safety in the distant countryside their aged and their sick.

"We shall defend our island whatever the cost, may be," they said, speaking through their Premier, the first Commoner.

"We shall fight on the beaches. We shall fight on the landing grounds. We shall fight in the fields and in the streets. We shall fight in the hills. We will never surrender."

No, it did not happen quite like that. But there were other perils—and they were all bravely faced. "This was their finest hour," wrote the historian as his final phrase.

In 1040, in the hour of test, it had been a Premier's proud boast. They had been a phrase that was written down by the historian as words that deeds had justified.

For the unknown people of a small island had, for an ideal, raised all—and their common names of Smith and Brown and Jones and Thomson had been inscribed on history's rolls with those of the Immortals.

So it was that they became citizens of the New World in which they shared, as equals, the earth's abundance, and partners in the decline and fall of the peace and amity.

3,000 AIRCRAFT A MONTH

American Pledge To British Govt.

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau stated today that the United States has pledged "every facility" to enable the British Government to buy 3,000 aircraft a month in addition to the huge orders previously placed. The new arrangements would require the construction of new factories and the British have promised to pay for these factories and their output.

The Treasury and the War and Navy Departments were in complete agreement on this commitment. The production members of the Defence Committee, Mr. Signius Knudsen, he said, would work out the details.

Plenty Of Money

The new factories would give the United States capacity to build for an excess of the 50,000 aircraft annually, as mentioned by President Roosevelt in his defence message on May 15. Remarking that "the British seem to have plenty of money," Mr. Morgenthau added: "The sums involved are colossal."

He declared that the British authorities proposed immediate action so that they could meet the delivery of 3,000 aircraft a month during 1941 and 1942.

Italy Wants Palestine

Assistance Of The Vatican Sought

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—According to a report reaching the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, a campaign has been launched in the Italian Press, suggesting that the inclusion of Palestine in the Italian Empire is one of Italy's war aims.

Detailed Plan

The "Tribuna" publishes a detailed plan for the administration of Palestine after the war on lines similar to Albania.

The newspaper proposes that Jews shall be evacuated from Palestine in mass, and says that the Jewish problem can only be solved by new dispersals of Jews to sparsely populated territories.

Protection Not Wanted

Netherlands Reply To U.S. Proposal

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Dutch circles in London state that the Netherlands' diplomatic representatives in American States have been instructed to explain the attitude of the Government towards the proposal to establish a joint protectorate over its possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

They are of the opinion that the proposal does not apply to the Netherlands since the Netherlands Government, far from being under German influence, is exercising full and independent authority over the non-occupied parts of the kingdom.

NAZI REVENGE

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—A German news agency despatch from The Hague states that several hundred Dutch colonial officials on leave, both men and women, have been sent to concentration camps because of alleged ill-treatment of German subjects in Dutch colonies.

Nazi Accusations

The Hague despatch accuses the Netherlands East Indies authorities with ill-treating Germans interned on the island of Onrust in a quarantine camp used for Mecca pilgrims.

The despatch alleges that the Germans' medical needs were provided by three Jewish doctors who are also interned.

The Despatch Declares

that the Dutch interned by the Germans will be treated in the same way as the German internees, and will remain interned until the Germans are released and allowed to pursue their ordinary occupations without interference.

Allegation Denied

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Dutch circles in London describe as baseless the German allegations of ill treatment of German internees.

Independence For Brittany Promised

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The German radio has broadcast a statement by the "Breton National Council" declaring that after the war, Brittany would be organised as a national state independent of France. The statement referred to the "great understanding of the people of the people of Brittany" shown by Germany in appointing a governor for the province. It declares that "for 400 years the people of France have denied us the right of self-determination."

R.A.F. RAID LIBYA

Fifty Enemy Planes Bombed At Derna

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—R.A.F. headquarters announce that a highly successful raid was carried out today by Blenheim bombers on Derna in Libya.

Some 50 enemy fighters and bombers were found on the ground. All our bombs fell among them causing considerable damage.

A fighter patrol of five Gladiators protecting the return of our bombers encountered seven enemy fighters and shot down five into the sea.

All our aircraft returned safely. The R.A.F. also announced that the fighter reported missing in the communiqué earlier today has been found and the pilot is safe.

Five Italians Shot Down

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that R.A.F. fighters shot down five Italian fighters into the sea off Libya. There were no British casualties.

Intensifying Blockade

New Measures To Be Adopted

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" lobby correspondent states that Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister for Economic Warfare, is expected to announce in the House of Commons next Tuesday a more comprehensive check on goods which may be imported for the enemy or that constitute enemy exports.

It is believed that the blockade will be simplified by the extension of the navy's system over a very much wider area than at present.

Facilitating Neutral Trade

This would have the effect of facilitating neutral trade while releasing naval forces for other duties. Under the new scheme, vessels are likely to find that approach to many ports hitherto free or exit from such ports carrying enemy exports will be difficult unless a navicert has been obtained in advance.

MR. BUTLER AND BURMA ROAD

Evasive Reply To Commons Question

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Labourite, Mr. J. Morgan, asked in the House of Commons today if the decision to close the Burma Road to war supplies for China was subject to revision in the event of Japan stimulating further action of a kind disapproved by the British Government, as further encroachment on British interests or prestige in the Far East during the period over which the agreement operates.

Mr. R. Butler, the Foreign Under-Secretary, in a written reply, said: "I have no reason to suppose that the hypothesis contemplated by Mr. Morgan represents the intention of the Japanese Government. I am consequently not in a position to make a statement."

1,700 PERISHED IN TROOPSHIP

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heard motor engines and saw the wake of a vessel.

The Meknes came under machine-gun fire almost immediately. She stopped, immediately and blew her whistle to indicate that she had stopped, and made the signal "Who are you?"

No Reply To Signal

No reply was made to this signal and the Meknes thereupon flashed her name and nationality several times.

The machine-gunning continued and was followed by heavier fire from a small calibre gun, which holed and rendered unseaworthy the port life-boat.

At 10.55 p.m. the Meknes was hit by a torpedo and she sank some minutes later. Of about 1,000 survivors rescued by the British naval forces and landed in this country, 120 officers and 41 men are in hospital and the others are being cared for in naval establishments.

There is now reason to believe that other survivors may have made for the French coast.

"Roll Out The Barrel"

As the ship went down, tommyes sang "Roll Out The Barrel" and "There will always be an England." Women and children refugees jumped overboard only to be machine-gunned by the raiders.

India May Appoint Trade Envoys

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The All-India radio says that the Indian Government are considering a proposal to appoint Trade Commissioners in Australia and South Africa.

Efforts are also being made to expand trade with North and East Africa.

THE WAR FUND

Despite a falling-off in donations to the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., the total is mounting steadily. Yesterday just over \$800 was subscribed, and the total by afternoon was \$1,208,811.17. Latest donation: A. C. W.

R.A.F. Carry On Despite Bad Weather

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).

—An Air Ministry communiqué says that heavy rain, thunder storms and severe icing conditions hampered our bomber operations last night.

Despite this, docks at Emden, Wilhelmshaven and Hamburg, aircraft factories at Wismar and Wenzendorf and seaplane bases at Borkum and Texel were attacked.

All our aircraft returned safely.

Scattering The Reich

LONDON, April 10 (UP).—The "Prague-London Letter," published by Czechoslovakian circles in London, charges that the Germans hope to transfer a half-million Czechs to Germany and replace them with German settlers.

"In the Milovice region (of Bohemia-Moravia), the letter said, 'the inhabitants of 20 Czech villages were informed that they must be ready to leave their homes within 24 hours with only the essential of luggage. Their fate will be taken by German colonists.'

"In other places the Nazis levy special taxes on the rich farmers destined to assist the installation of German colonists. Finally, in the smallest factories of the Czech provinces they compel at least two or three German workers to be employed, whose families settle in the locality and thus increase the German minority or in many cases simply create one.

Purpose of the removal of Czechs and colonisation of Germans, according to the letter, may be found in the census to be taken May 19 'to prove the 'inextinguishable' of Czechoslovak statistics, and discover 'German minorities' who will need the protection of the Reich in regions where until now, there had never been any Germans."

Baby Killed By Ferret

A few minutes after putting her eight-month-old baby in her pram outside the house, a Lancashire mother went back to see if she was all right, and found a ferret attacking the baby's face. The child was rushed to hospital, but died shortly after admission.

"The sun was so warm that I thought the baby would be better outside," said Mrs. Durkin, of Water-street, Hapton, near Accrington, Lancs, mother of the child. "It was terrible to see the child being mauled. I am broken-hearted. I could do nothing to save the baby." The child, Joan, was the younger of the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Durkin.

The ferret was captured later by the child's father, who killed it.

NIGHT HAUNTS TO BE CONTROLLED

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Wide powers to deal with bottle parties and other night haunts, which are considered undesirable, are contained in a new defence regulation.

The Police throughout the country are empowered to close offending premises altogether or between certain hours.

Rumanians Arrest Frenchmen

BUCHAREST, July 25 (Reuter).—Nine French managers and technicians employed in the Rumanian oil industry were arrested by the Rumanian Police today.

All were mentioned in the recent Nazi White Book alleging an Allied plot to sabotage the Rumanian oil industry.

Trawlers Lost In Air Attacks

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communiqué announces that His Majesty's trawlers, Kingston, Galena and Rodino, are lost as the result of enemy air attacks.

The next-of-kin of the casualties have been informed.

Rumanian Ministers Meet Hitler

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Rome Radio states that the Rumanian Ministers, M. Gligor (Prime Minister) and M. Manolescu (Foreign Minister), have arrived at Salzburg, where Hitler and Count Ciano received them.

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Treasury announced that an agreement has been signed between the Government, fixing the exchange rate between Courcou and Surinam (Dutch West Indies) guilder, and pound sterling at 7.00 guilders to the pound.

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Clement Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, announced that there will be a special session on foreign affairs next Tuesday.

NO PEACE SCHEME

Chungking Again Gives Lie To Report

Chungking, July 25. Rumours that the Standing Committee of the National Defence Commission decided at a meeting on July 22 to summon all military party leaders to a meeting on August 1 to discuss Chungking's choice between further resistance or peace are flatly denied by well-informed quarters here.

It is pointed out that there never has been a need for a discussion of this topic. General Chiang Kai-shek at a recent meeting of the seventh plenary session of the Central Executive Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang National Defence Committee, at memorial meetings in the National Government office and finally in statements issued following the closure of the Burma Road and Yunnan Railway, stated plainly and definitely that China would not consider peace offers and would continue the war of resistance, whatever developments might take place in the international situation.

Chinese quarters further state that no peace offers have yet been presented by either Japan or Britain. No peace proposals have ever been presented by Britain, either through the Chinese Government in London or through the British Diplomatic Mission in Chungking. There have, of course, been the alleged peace proposals produced from time to time from irresponsible quarters ever since the Sino-Japanese hostilities began three years ago, but the Chinese Government has never treated such proposals seriously; hence they have never discussed them, the only exception being the proposals advanced by Herr Trautmann, former German Ambassador, before the fall of Nanking, which, conversation, however, never progressed beyond the preliminary stages and which broke down completely before there were any normal negotiations.

Not only had the later proposals never had any substantial backing but the Chinese dismissed such proposals immediately because they were confident the Japanese were never sincere and were merely trying to bring about internal dissension among the Chinese.—Reuter.

NAZI CLAIMS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—A Berlin High Command communiqué claims that "one of our speedboats south of Portland sank a large armed enemy merchant ship of 18,000 tons by torpedo."

The communiqué also claims that industrial plants in various parts of the United Kingdom and an aircraft factory at Weybridge were bombed.

It adds: "The total enemy losses yesterday were 10 planes. Six of our own planes are missing."

U.S. AMBULANCES FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Minister of Health, has accepted the first part of a fleet of 200 motorised ambulances, surgical units and first-aid posts presented by the American Ambulance to Great Britain for use among civilian casualties caused by air raids.

The vehicles will be driven by the Women Transport Service.

Oil Shipments To Spain Held Up

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, declared that two shipments of oil to Spain were stopped because the cargoes appeared to be destined for Germany and Italy.

He declared that the action had no relation with the reports that Britain is trying to prevent oil from reaching Germany through Spain.

PRIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

Francis Wu to Exhibit His Pictures

Francis Wu, photographic artist and noted Chinese portraitist, offers his collections of international prize pictures for the first time on exhibition to the public of Hongkong, from today to August 25, at the Eagle Photo Service, Pottinger Street.

Mr. Wu has represented China in international salons, photographic competitions, and also international prize pictures. For two years he has captured the London Amateur Photographer's silver plaque, the Munchen silver medal, Holland's honour medal, and also the Boston National International Salon's photographic silver medal. Since there are a great number of prize prints, Mr. Wu will exhibit them in two schedules—portraits from July 26 to August 9, and portraits from August 9 to August 25. Admission to the exhibition is free.

SILVER IN TIENTSIN

Another Shipment Taken From Consulate Vaults

Tientsin, July 25. Silver dollars valued at \$100,000, earmarked for the relief of peasants in North China, were taken from the vaults in the British Consulate today. The vault was then sealed in the presence of the British and Japanese Consuls-General and more than a score of Japanese officials and newspaper correspondents. Another vault was said to be sealed tomorrow. This is the second \$100,000 worth of silver removed from the vaults since the Anglo-Japanese agreement.—United Press.

ACTIVE DEFENCE

Principle Of British Stand In Africa

London, July 25. It was authoritatively stated in London today that the policy of the British Commander-in-Chief in Egypt is one of active defence. The recent collapse of France has brought a great change in the situation. Numerous well-equipped Italian armies in Africa are no longer threatened on two fronts, but can concentrate wholly on the Egyptian border. Only the difficulties of communication and lack of water prevent the concentration of great numbers on the Egyptian frontiers.

Consequently the British military policy in Egypt must primarily be one of defence—active within the limits which the changed conditions impose upon it. The character of the campaign must be dictated by the character of the enemy.

At Sollum, on the frontier, lack of water prevents the retention of more than a very small garrison and the real military frontier is at Mersa Matruh. Similarly, for the Italians, Bardia is the advanced headquarters with the natural supply.

Frontier fighting must resolve itself into the action of relatively small forces. Land engagements have so far been conducted on the Italian side of the frontier. A barbed wire fence and several forts have been captured. Capuzzo—captured by the Italians after the British first captured and dismantled it—was serving a useful purpose as its possession compelled the defending force to dispatch continuous sustenance convoys, on which we have inflicted losses.

Whether the Italian organisation will enable them to push an attack on a large scale is impossible to say, but the British defence policy is militarily very wise and accords with Egypt's attitude of neutrality.

In Kenya the limitations of the terrain produce no dissimilar results. Such few posts as the British held on the Kenya frontier were lightly held and it was not expected that they could be defended for long against attack from the plateau above. Moreover, conditions in Abyssinia compelled the Italians to maintain there forces very much larger than we required in a peaceful colony. This enabled the Italians temporarily to occupy the north-east section of Kenya, namely Mandera, running up between Abyssinia and Italian Somaliland.—Reuter.

Russian Volunteers

Shanghai Unit Transferred To Police Department

Shanghai, July 25. The Russian Regiment of the Shanghai Volunteers, which is well known for its services during times of trouble, is to cease to exist as a military organisation. The Council decided at its meeting yesterday to transfer the Regiment to the Police Department as its retention as a purely military unit is no longer justified.

The Regiment will move from its present headquarters on the Bund to the Amoy Road goal buildings which will be converted for its use.

The Council also decided to disband the mounted unit of the Shanghai Police.—Reuter.

NEW BANK IN CANTON

Canton, July 25. The Government here is contemplating reopening the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung, which has returned to Shikwan since the fall on the city, in the former premises of the bank.

A committee was formed yesterday to take charge of preparations. Wang Chung-chun, nephew of Wang Ching-wei, was appointed chairman of the committee.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

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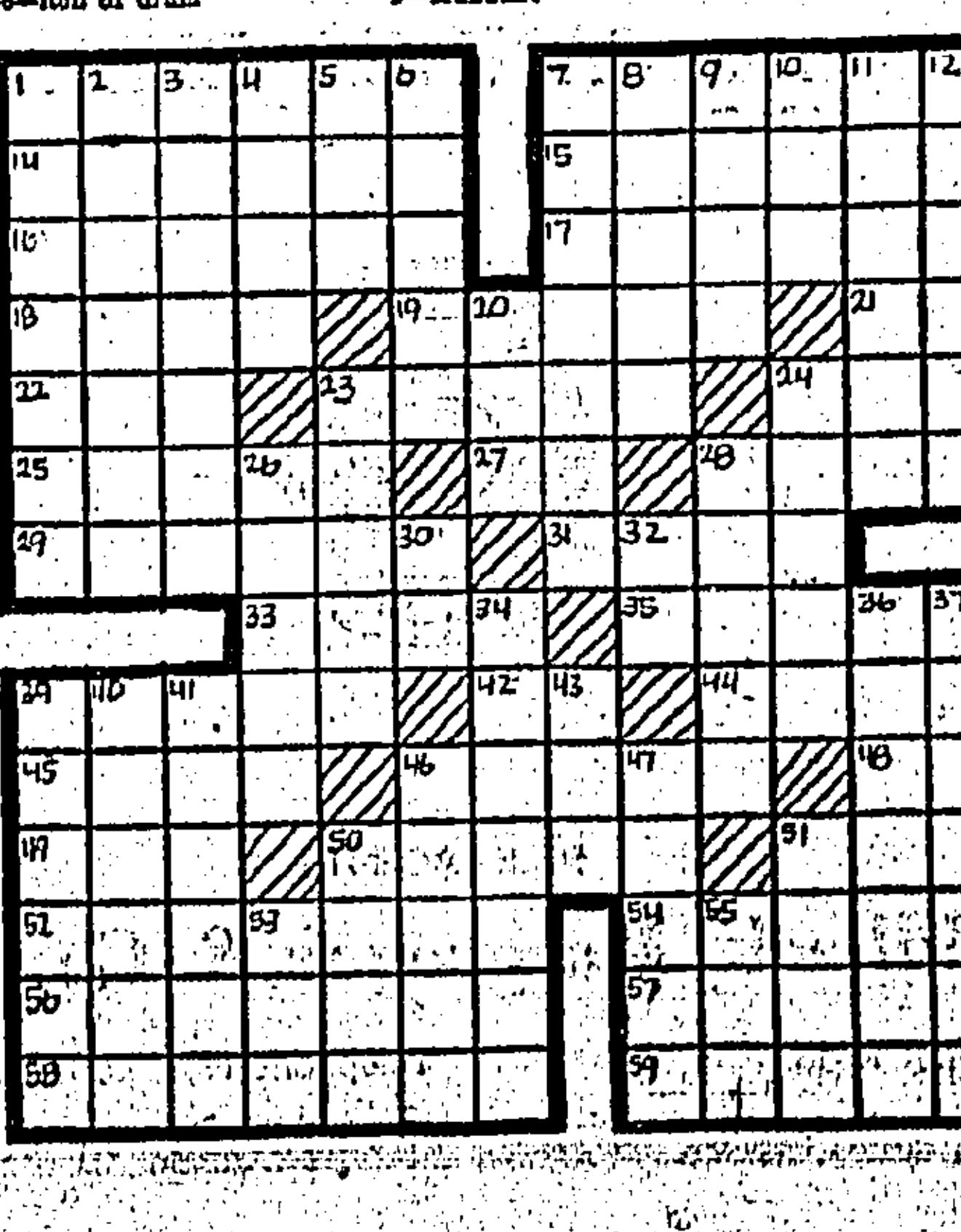
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1-Disconnect | 47-Oriental shrub, for cosmetics |
| 2-Method of | 48-Puts on clothes |
| 3-Continues | 49-Slate positively |
| 4-Forward people's state | |
| 5-Advance of | |
| 6-Mexican coin | |
| 7-Monster | |
| 8-Relating to upper air | |
| 9-Combining form: solid | |
| 10-Short poem | |
| 11-Leader of birth-control movement | |
| 12-Orin name | |
| 13-Practising to stand | |
| 14-Unit of prey | |
| 15-Metrical composition | |
| 16-Steadily (adv.) | |
| 17-State of scale | |
| 18-Underlaker | |
| 19-Daughter of Moses | |
| 20-Only comfortable | |
| 21-Alongside | |
| 22-Pale appearance | |
| 23-City invaded by Nazis | |
| 24-Trappings of animal's horns | |
| 25-Choice coffee | |
| 26-Grassy meadows | |
| 27-Supplies with men | |
| 28-Thief (French) | |
| 29-Residence (abbr.) | |

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| DOWN |
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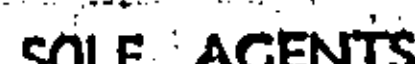


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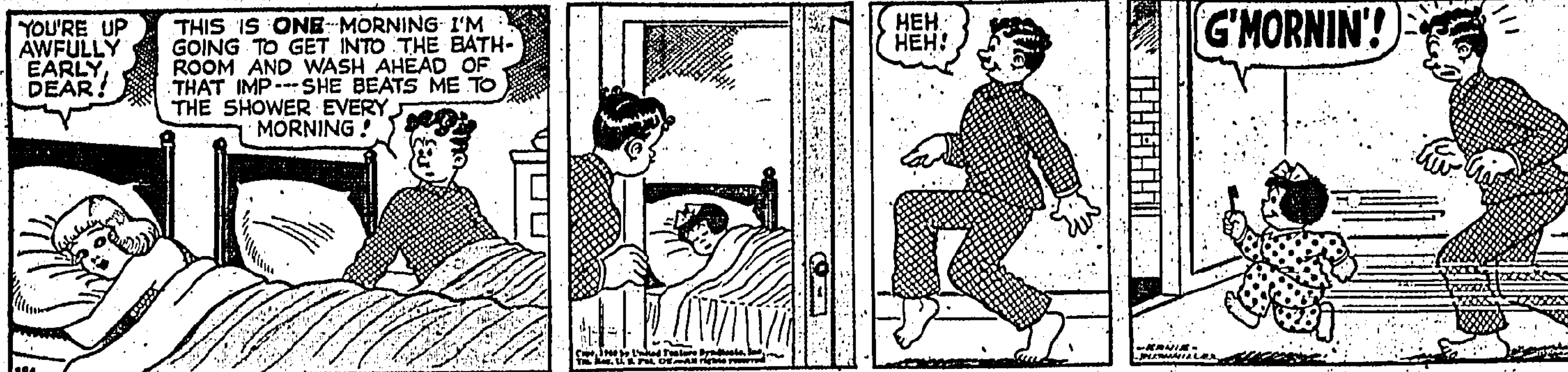
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



German Rumour Drive

Sweeps America

ADOLF HITLER is still frightened to death by the United States of America.

He and his ally Mussolini scoff at America's chance of aiding the British Empire in its fight for immediate survival and eventual victory, but actually they are convinced that American aid, even short of war, can prolong the European war into the dark winter that faces the dictatorships.

This is what they are most anxious to avoid.

So Dr. Goebbels has obviously been told to go to work on America.

Germany's psychologists believe that if America can be convinced that it will only be sharing in Britain's defeat if it goes to war on Britain's side, then some one in America will soon start tugging at the skirts of Hitler's toga to make friends with him before it is too late.

That accounts for the number of stories that have emanated from Berlin lately.

GIRLS MAKE MUNITIONS



No days off in Britain. Munitions factories operate seven days a week to speed supply of war materials to embattled Allies. This view is in factory somewhere in England, where women turn out shells and bombs.

Evacuation Helpers Urgently Wanted

THE L.C.C. is to make every effort to move London school-children successfully should the Government order further evacuation, and volunteers for this service are urgently required. Mr. E. M. Rich, Education Officer, points out that one essential is a generous supply of responsible adults to act as escorts. Travelling and overnight expenses will be paid by the Government.

The council would also welcome offers of help from volunteer drivers with their own cars or motor-cycles, mainly for liaison work in London during the six days taken up by the evacuation scheme.

A mileage rate will be paid to cover scheme.

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More offers of assistance are needed from women willing to give help to the billeting authorities in the reception areas, particularly those with domestic experience or with knowledge of nursing or social work.

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Such helpers are entitled to a Government billet with free board and lodging and, in addition, the Government have authorised a small weekly payment to cover out-of-pocket expenses for those who would not otherwise be in a position to offer their services.

Volunteers should write at once to the Education Officer (N/V), The County Hall, S.E.1, or to the Evacuation Officer of any Metropolitan evacuation areas adjoining the County of London.

Volunteers may also enrol through Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence.

POPE SEES AMBASSADOR

Vatican City, July 25. The Pope to-day gave a private audience to the United States Ambassador to Brussels, Mr. John Cudahy.—United Press.

DROVE COLONEL—FREE TO EXCEED LIMIT

POLICE have orders not to stop Service men wearing uniform and on duty for speeding offences, it was stated at Eastleigh (Hants) recently, when a summons against Private Ronald Sweeting, stationed at Southampton, for exceeding the 30 m.p.h. speed limit was dismissed, although the offence was committed before the introduction of the order.

Sweeting was alleged to have driven a 20 h.p. Army car at 40-48 m.p.h. through a built-up area. An Army officer told the Court that the private was driving his colonel on urgent business.

Two other Service men stopped in uniform, but on leave, were fined 10s. each at the same court for speeding offences.

Captured German Won Sweep

A sixpenny sweepstake organised by the crew of one of our submarines which had just torpedoed a German ship, was won by the German captain, whom they had taken prisoner.

The crew had a wager as to what time they would pass a well-known landmark on their way home, and the captain of the submarine lent the German captain sixpence to take part.

As the winner was being marched off the submarine as a prisoner, flinging the prize-money in his pockets, one of the British sailors exclaimed: "Gorblimey, I don't call that playing cricket. I call it tennis."

WOMEN IN NEW SWISS GUARD

THE Swiss General Staff has announced the formation of a Home Guard for all Swiss cities, towns and villages as a defence against Fifth Column activities or parachute invaders.

It is believed that the guard will include all soldiers on leave from active service, and all youths, women and old men possessing rifles.

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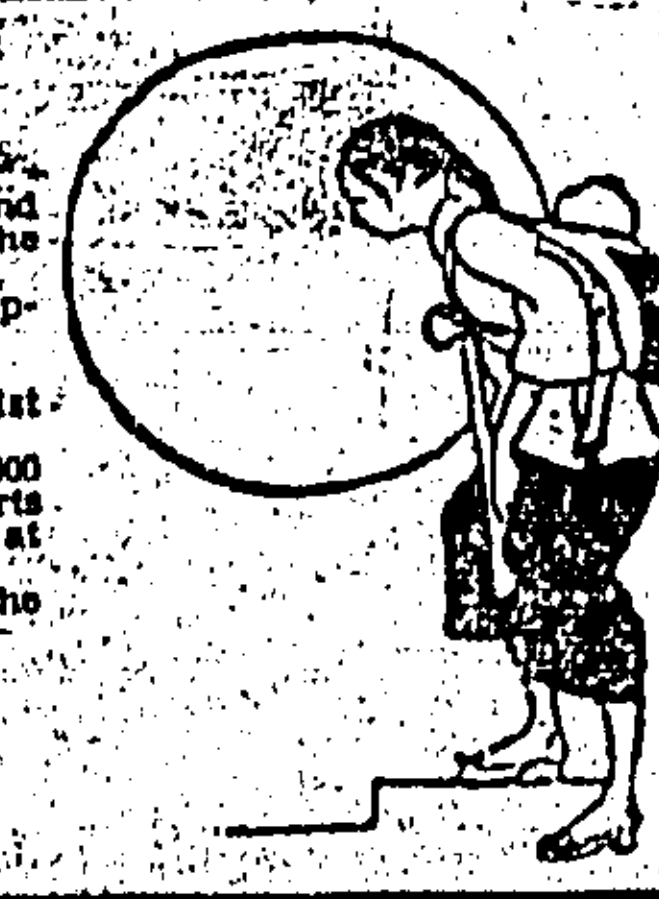
In 1940 to meet the increasing needs of sick and destitute children in Hongkong, against which the income to date is \$22,000 only. In order to continue its work, The Society appeals for the balance of \$3,000 before the close of the financial year on 31st October.

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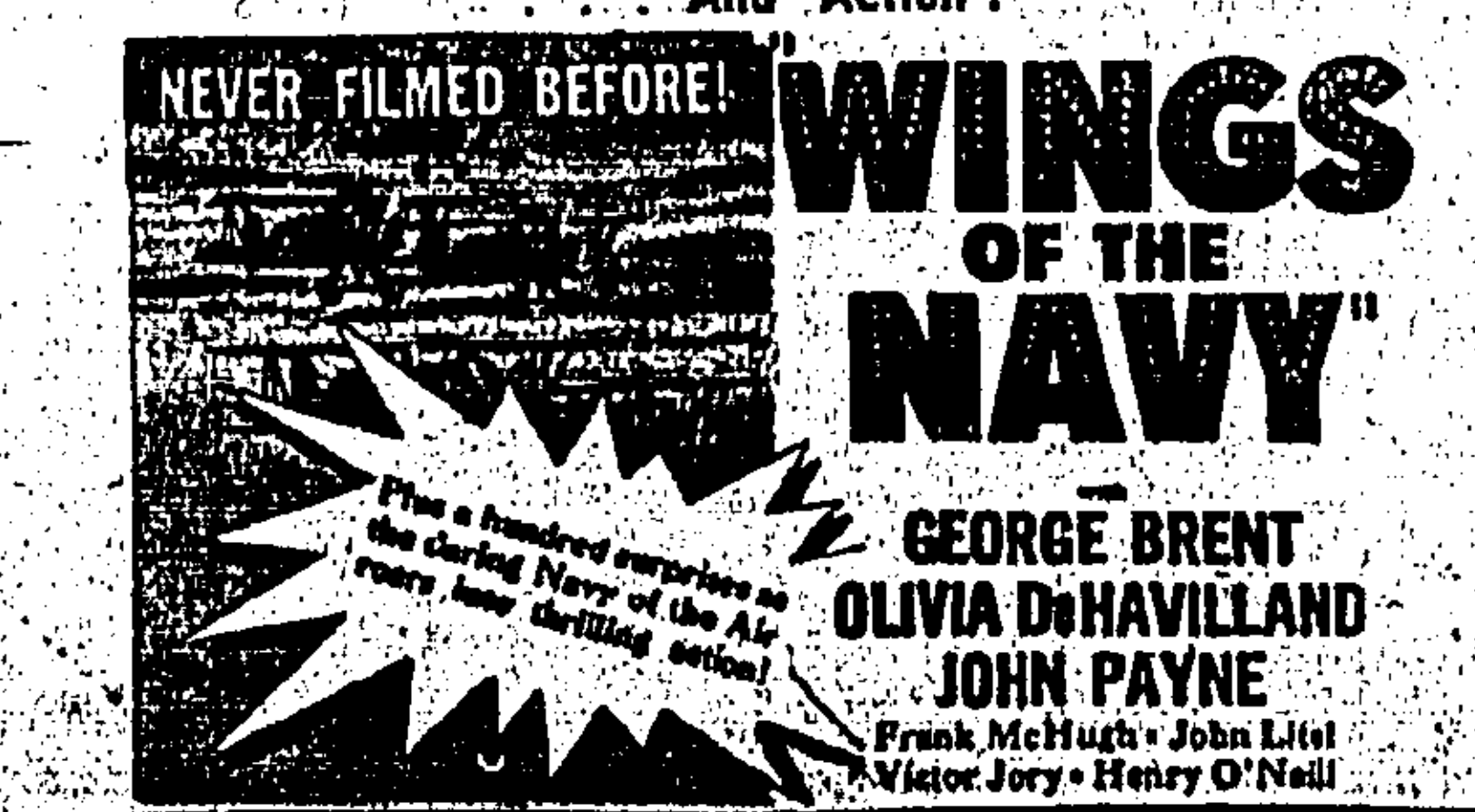
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Child Sits on the Bench

JUDGE and child smiled confidently at one another when eleven-year-old Doris Kooyman, of Crossway, Dagenham, Essex, sat close to Mr. Justice Stable on the bench in the King's Bench Division, to give evidence in a personal injuries claim on behalf of an eight-year-old girl friend.

Doris said that with her friend, Joan May Holville, she was standing on the pavement in Bennett's Castle Lane, Dagenham, one evening in March, 1939, when Joan began to cross the road and was knocked down by a car owned by Mr. Frederick Harold Archer, of Baron-road, Chadwell Heath.

Through her father, Mr. Edward George Holville, of Mossford-road, Bow, London, E. Joan claimed damages from Mr. Archer.

Mr. Holville said Joan still had to wear a skull cap to cover a long scar, which looked like a parting of the hair. She had no recollection of the accident.

Mr. Archer denied the negligence alleged. He pleaded that Joan suddenly dashed into the road without looking to see if traffic was approaching.

He thought she was trying to retrieve a marble she had dropped. Her head struck the handle of the car door.

Mr. Justice Stable entered judgment for Mr. Archer, with costs.

Colonial Appointments

Vichy, July 25.
Marshal Pétain has named Admiral Decoux Governor-General of Indo-China. He will continue in command of the French Naval Forces in the Far East.

Establishing a military control over the colonies, Marshal Pétain has also named Admiral Estève as Resident-General of Tunisia in succession to M. Peyroux, who becomes General Secretary of the Administration of Police.

Continuing the transfer of Government banks and insurance activities to Paris, the Government announced to-day that the Paris Bourse would resume trading early next week, which is contrary to the Official German News Agency's report that it has been already opened. The Cassandre Court, which took refuge in Lyons, is returning to Paris where the court will reopen on August 5.—United Press.

LATE NEWS

The Chater collection of porcelain, bequeathed to the Hongkong Government by the late Sir Paul Chater, consists of 17th, 18th, and 19th century wares, including a small group of Chinese ceramics of the Kang-hsi period of the Ch'ing dynasty and, in the opinion of an expert Committee, is by no means representative of Chinese ceramic art. There are two dishes of the Ch'ing period of the Ming dynasty. This collection has been stored during the year in the remaining part of the old City Hall. Arrangements were made to transfer the porcelain to the Central Store at North Point in 1940, when the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club vacated its premises there.

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R. A. F. Stronger Than Before The Blitzkrieg

By GEORGE THOMAS

BRITAIN'S Air Force is to-day stronger than ever, despite the great part it has played in the recent battles and the losses it has suffered.



The American Ambassador to Franco, William C. Bullitt, is hated by the Nazis for his outspoken comments over recent years. He is remaining in France as U.S. minister to the Petain Government.

This good news was given to me by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production.

"Aircraft production in every category," he said, "has, since May 10 (when Hitler's Western Blitzkrieg began) exceeded the total casualty list, including casualties sustained through accidents at home."

"The aircraft available of every type now, in use exceeds the number of machines at the disposal of the Air Force when the battle broke out."

Lord Beaverbrook added that, in addition to production, repairs had replenished stocks.

There was on hand a very good surplus stock of engines.

The Minister paid tribute to all who had contributed to this result.

"The public," he said, "should give thanks for this immense effort to all the aircraft factories and engine shops, and to their workers, who have striven by night and day, without time off for recreation, without any regard for the pleasures and amenities of life."

"Their conduct is beyond praise. We can place our future in their keeping with confidence."

Palestine Jews ask to be Mobilised

THE British Government is urged by the Jewish Labour Party in Palestine to mobilise the "scores of thousands of Jewish men in Palestine who are prepared, heart and soul, to join in the defence of the country under the British flag, in the fight against Hitlerism and Fascism."

Hongkong Treasures

A Review Of The Chater Art Collections

In his review for 1939, the Controller of Stores mentions that the City Hall Museum collection consists nowadays of an interesting assortment of named fresh water shells, a number of marine shells and corals, minerals, a few specimens of mammals, birds and reptiles, and a miscellaneous assortment of specimens, all of historic interest to the Colony or to countries adjacent to the Colony. The collection has been placed in storage pending the erection of a building suitable for its public exhibition.

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A resolution, carried unanimously at a special meeting of the party council adds:

"Palestine Jewry are anxious to place all their resources at the disposal of the Government, and to associate themselves actively in every possible way with the defence of the country in the struggle against the enemy."

A message of encouragement has been sent by the council to "All our comrades in enemy-occupied territory who are continuing the struggle for democracy and Zionism."

The Jewish Labour Party in Palestine is the largest political party of the country.

PANAMA CANAL PANIC

Wild Accident Rumours Alarm Residents

Panama, July 25.
The entire isthmus is in a high state of nervousness as a result of sudden inexplicable flood rumours. These declared that 60 had been killed in an explosion at the Pedro Miguel locks, that there had been a terrific slide in the Gaillard Cut of the Panama Canal, and that there had been a major train wreck. Some relatives of workers broke into a panic, refusing to believe official denials.—United Press.

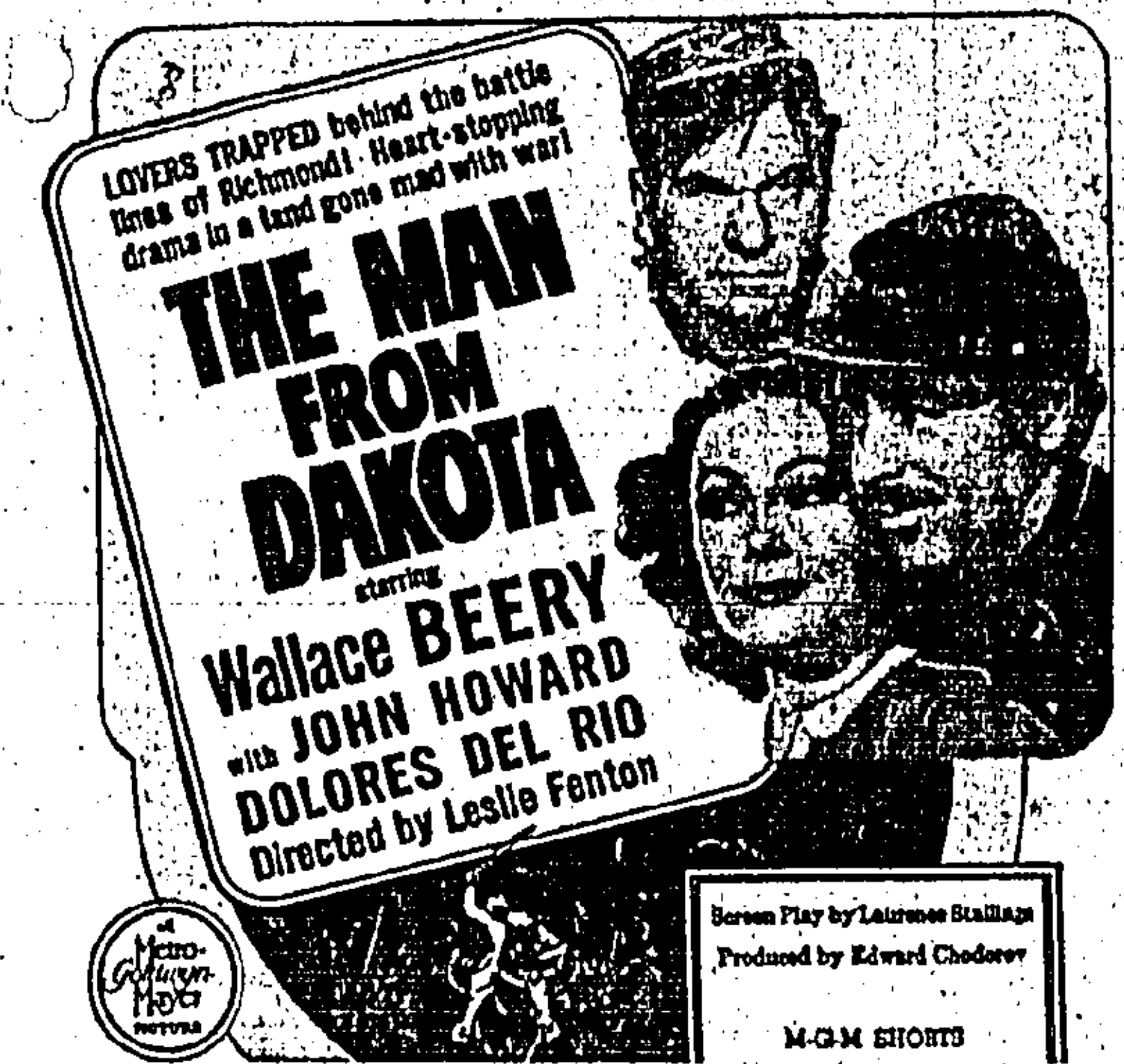
Colony and many of historical value. In the absence of any suitable repository for the whole collection, those pictures which could not be given wall space at Government House have been distributed to the University and the Colonial Secretariat.

It is added that provision has been made in the 1940-41 Estimates for an underground concrete shelter to be built in the Stores compound at North Point, to store these collections in the event of an emergency.

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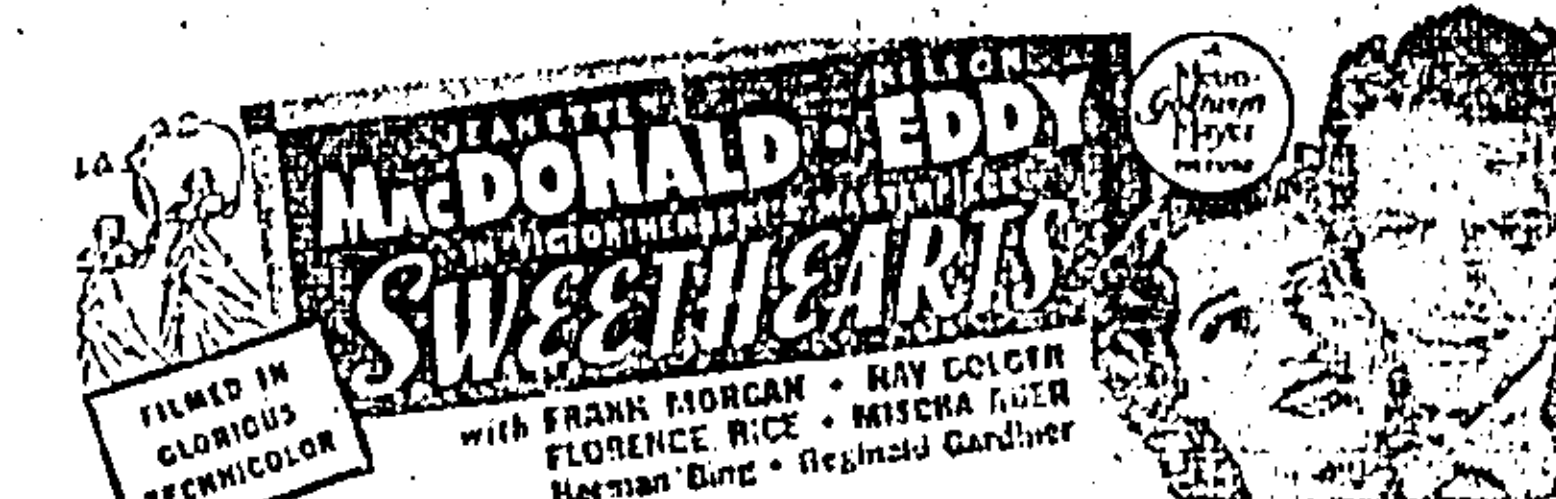


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GREAT AIR BATTLES CONTINUE OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

1,700 PERISHED IN TROOPSHIP OFF ST. NAZAIRE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, July 25 (UP).—It has been revealed that there were 5,300 people aboard the transport Lancastria when she was bombed and sunk while anchored off St. Nazaire.

A large number of women and children were included among the passengers.

4 Meatless Days A Week For Italians

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—From the beginning of August, Tuesday will be a meatless day in Italy, according to a German news agency message from Rome.

It is noted that Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are already meatless days.

Bread in restaurants will be restricted to 51 ounces per person.

DUNKIRK TRAGEDY

2,477 Survivors From Lost Lancastria

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Altogether 2,477 survivors from the liner Lancastria, lost off St. Nazaire during the final evacuation from France, are known to have been picked up.

Aboard at the time she sank were, it is estimated, 5,300 people, including a number of women and children refugees.

This was revealed in London this evening when the circumstances of the sinking came to light.

It is possible that the actual number of those picked up may have been larger and that others may have made their way ashore and have fallen into enemy hands.

There is great difficulty in estimating what are the exact figures in view of the difficult circumstances under which the evacuation was taking place.

Sunk At Anchor

The Lancastria was sunk at anchor, having just completed disembarking personnel for the evacuation. After half an hour's ineffectual attacks by aircraft, she was hit by a salvo of bombs and immediately took a heavy list.

This severely hampered the launching of the ship's life-boats. She capsized and finally sank within half an hour of being struck.

The majority of the survivors were picked up by small craft which were engaged in ferrying other personnel from docks to troop-ships. Some, however, managed to swim and wade ashore in the shallow water.

The survivors all paid tribute to the magnificent courage displayed by the ship's crews and all ranks at the time she was struck.

"Roll Out The Barrel"

As the ship went down, tommyes sang "Roll Out the Barrel" and "There will always be an England."

Women and children refugees jumped overboard only to be machine-gunned by the raiders.

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Treasury announced that an agreement has been signed between the Government, fixing the exchange rate between the Couronne and the British pound sterling at 2.60 guilders to the pound.

POLISH GOVERNMENT IN LONDON



HIS MAJESTY the King chatting with Count Raczynski (centre), the Polish Ambassador in London and Admiral Swirski, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Navy. The Polish Government removed from France to Britain with the collapse of French resistance.

BRITAIN EXTENDS NAVAL BLOCKADE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, July 25 (UP).—Great Britain which is under almost constant German air attacks, appeared today to be extending her naval blockade against Germany and Italy to all of Western Europe and north-western Africa.

No official statement has been made in London with regard to the authoritative indications that the blockade must be made to apply to Spain, conquered France, Portugal and certain African ports in order to achieve the objective—cutting off supplies from the Nazi and Fascist war machines.

However, political circles reported that Mr. Dalton was prepared to announce the extension of the blockade until the postponement of his scheduled statement in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Whether, in view of the British efforts to maintain normal relations with Spain, the extension will be formally announced later, is uncertain but there are strong indications that in any event, determined efforts will be made to prevent goods from being re-shipped to Germany.

U.S. MOVE APPROVED

Control Of Scrap Metal Export

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—The placing of petroleum and scrap metal on the list of goods for which export licences are required has caused considerable satisfaction in circles interested in Far Eastern affairs.

These circles are surprised that they were not included in the earlier list.

NAZI-TURKISH TRADE PACT

ANKARA, July 25 (Reuter).—A trade agreement signed to-day between Turkey and Germany provides for an exchange of goods to the value of 21,000,000 Turkish pounds.

In Order.

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—It is pointed out here that the Ankara agreement is in complete harmony with the political undertakings of the Turkish Government, which do not exclude trade relations with Germany.

The Ankara had French colours painted on both sides and was fully illuminated with a searchlight train on the French ensign.

At 10.30 p.m. the Officer of the watch on the bridge of the Meknes was sunk by a German motor torpedo boat.

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ANKARA, July 25 (Reuter).—The National Assembly to-day voted new extraordinary credits of nearly £13,000,000 for land, air and naval forces and other national defence needs.

80 NAZI PLANES ATTACK IN BIGGEST RAID OF DAY

LONDON, July 25 (REUTER).—HUNDREDS OF BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES FOUGHT FURIOUS BATTLES OVER THE CHANNEL TO-DAY, WHEN THE AIR WAR FLARED UP WITH NEW FIERCENESS.

Fighting lasted a long time, and at times the sky seemed to be filled with battling planes.

A.A. guns were in action along the south-east coast almost incessantly, and many bombs were dropped.

It is believed that two enemy planes at least were shot down in flames into the sea by British fighters during a raid on a convoy by over 50 dive-bombers escorted by an equal number of fighters.

The dive-bombers attacked three times.

80 PLANES ATTACK

The biggest day of raids on the south-east coast began with an attack on shipping in the Channel by 80 enemy planes, which flew over the coast at noon.

Several bombs were also dropped inland on the cliffs by the raiders, which were driven off by gunfire from the ground and fighters.

Little damage was caused and no ships were hit.

Day's Biggest Battle

The day's biggest battle was fought later when 50 dive-bombers attacked a convoy of over 20 small cargo vessels. It is believed that two German planes were shot down over the sea in the bitter combat which followed the raids.

The first warning of the dive-bombers' approach was given by the roar of A.A. guns. The bombers were seen flying on a straight course from the direction of the French coast in a high altitude, stepped up in tier upon tier with fighters above them.

British Challenge

Scores of British fighters streaked across the sky to ward them off and were instantly engaged by the German fighters, while the dive-bombers circled low, seeking a position from which to hurl down in an attack on the convoy.

As they dived, watchers on the shore could see the bombs fall from the racks.

There were 27 attackers in the first wave and this was followed by another attack by a second wave of 27, which swept down in an almost perpendicular dive.

Shells burst all around the Germans as they attacked.

Daring Manoeuvre

A German squadron leader, showing greater daring than any other attackers, soared down over one of the ships in the convoy and flattened out until his machine appeared to sit astride the masts when he released his bombs.

The raiders climbed steeply back and quickly repeated the attack.

"Flaming onions" dotted the sky around them and they fled.

Fighters closed in on them while they tried to reach the cover of the clouds and after a crackle of machine-gun fire, two fell in flames into the sea.

An hour later the bombers made a third attempt on a convoy but the attack was quickly broken up.

Five Nazi Planes Down

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced: "In the course of a series of attempted attacks on shipping off the south-east and south-west coasts to-day, four enemy aircraft have been shot down by R.A.F. fighters and anti-aircraft guns. A fifth enemy aircraft was shot down by R.A.F. fighters off the north-east coast of Scotland this morning."

Nine Raiders Down

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communique says that it is now confirmed that four more enemy aircraft, in addition to those already announced, making a total of nine in all, have been shot down to-day by R.A.F. fighters.

260 Planes Lost

The count shows that since the war began, raids on Britain and shipping routes around the coast have

NAZI REPRISALS IN NETHERLANDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, July 25 (UP).—It has been officially announced that "several hundred" Dutch men and women, mostly colonial civil servants on leave in Holland, have been interned as a German reprisal for the internment of Germans in the Dutch colonies.

The announcement stated that those interned will be accorded the same treatment as the Germans interned and that their confinement will continue until the Germans are released and allowed to pursue their business unhindered.

It added that the number of Dutch people interned will be doubled soon and the reprisals intensified unless the Dutch Government in London and the colonial authorities change their policies.

Nazi Revenge

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—A German news agency despatch from The Hague states that several hundred Dutch colonial officials on leave, both men and women, have been sent to concentration camps because of alleged ill-treatment of German subjects in Dutch colonies.

Nazi Accusations

The Hague despatch accuses the Netherlands East Indies authorities with ill-treating Germans interned on the island of Onrust in a quarantine camp used for Mexican pilgrims.

The despatch alleges that the German medical needs were provided by three Jewish doctors who are also interned.

The despatch declares that the Dutch interned by the Germans will be treated in the same way as the German internees, and will remain interned until the Germans are released and allowed to pursue their ordinary occupations without interference.

Allegation Denied

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Dutch circles in London describe as baseless the German allegations of ill treatment of German internees.

SEVERE NAZI AIR LOSSES

Expensive Attacks On Britain

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The five German aircraft brought down around Britain to-day made the day's bag roughly an average one, for since June 18 a total of 188 have been brought down.

Twelve were brought down on Wednesday.

A fresh count has now been taken by the British Press. The result is an unofficial one but is based on successes claimed in official communique.

260 Planes Lost

The count shows that since the war began, raids on Britain and shipping routes around the coast have

AIR RAID ON HAIFA

Civilian Casualties Amount To 100

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—There were about 100 civilian casualties in yesterday's half-hour air raid on Haifa, according to to-day's war communique.

The communique says that in Palestine yesterday enemy aircraft raided Haifa in the early morning and several thousand tons of kerosene and lubricating oil were set alight, but the fire was brought under control and was prevented from spreading by the afternoon.

Civilian casualties numbered about 100, but there were no military casualties.

On other fronts there is nothing to report.

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Evacuation

Government has yet to learn that rearmament which has been directed against it has not been because the evacuation was carried out but because of the methods employed in carrying it out. The Colony has been treated to a refreshing and consoling example of the fact that, although democracy does not prevail in this corner of Empire, the voice of the people has been heard to a degree that would not be tolerated under totalitarian regime; in the first instance, through the Correspondence columns of the Press and, secondly, through the welcome support afforded by the Unofficial Members of Legislative Council.

Rearmament and the possible feeling that "government has got what it deserved" must not, however, blind us to the fact that there are certain aspects of Evacuation which we must support, however intolerable the conditions they impose upon us may seem. The War Cabinet may be expected to know what is best for our destinies. It is inconceivable that evacuation of a section of the community has been ordered at the whim of an official in Whitehall, especially in view of Government's revelation that the Imperial Government is in possession of full knowledge of the disruption of human life and serious disturbance to the economic well-being of the people such evacuation has entailed. We would like to express an analogy which, though not exact, may indicate one of the reasons prompting the evacuation. In Scandinavia no Norwegian has cavilled at the fact that King Haakon and Queen Maud evacuated the country and are now directing the war from London. There is no censure on Queen Wilhelmina, Princess Beatrix and the two little Dutch Princesses for deserting the Netherlands, the first to remain in London, the latter three to seek sanctuary in Canada. Every Briton would express relief, in the knowledge that Nazi blitzkrieg may bring death and destruction to his motherland, at the thought that the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret-Rose were safe in one of the Dominions. These people are no more blood-related to us than are our wives and children to Whitehall officials. But in Hongkong we accept the evacuation from their own countries of Norwegian and Netherlands Royalty, and would accept under similar circumstances the evacuation from our own Motherland of British Royalty, because we realise that their presence is of greater danger to our Cause than their absence. Had the Royal families of Norway and the Netherlands remained at the helm, determined as captains, to go down with the ship, (we quote, our eminent countryman, the late Lord Bessborough, the ships of Norway and the Netherlands would have foundered. One has but to recall the strenuous efforts made by the Nazis, to capture the Royal families of our two Allies to become aware of the danger their continued presence in their own countries would have meant. True, their people are in bondage but they (the people) are sustained by the knowledge that, unlike the Belgians, the rulers to whom they owe

WELLS ON THE WAR

ALTHO' it was "for" a film show that I was lunching with H. G. Wells, we inevitably talked war.

Wells, agree with him or not (I often don't), has been an active & influential thinker. I asked his views on many things now on our minds.

On the prospect of Nazi invasion of England, he took an unusual line. "I think they're making too much fuss about it," he said. "If I were a 5th-columnist, I should spread exactly these views, so as to detain in England large bodies of troops who are more urgently needed in France."

On the other hand, I remarked, to empty Britain of troops might be an invitation to an invader: they must presumably be spread out in a balanced way.

allegiance are still fighting their cause and are not hostile to their good conduct. An attempt to draw a parallel between Royalty in Europe and "pure" Britons is not altogether a happy one, what this analogy seeks to show is that one section of the community by their presence can be a greater danger to the safety of the whole than by their absence. Once we admit the practical impossibility of evacuating all women and children from Hongkong, as the practical impossibility of such a step was admitted and accepted by the peoples of Poland, Norway, Belgium, Holland and France, we must admit discrimination—the sort of discrimination that condemns some to possible subjugation and ensures that the remainder cannot and will not become hostages to an enemy at our gate. We have got to realise that the threat to Hongkong will not be a military threat in a strict sense of the word. Our enemy may be expected to be a student of psychology and his threat, if it comes, will be to the people whom he can make hostages. The potential defender of Hongkong is not a man of arms, but a man who would not be a man were he not fearful of what may be visited upon his women and children. This elementary fact has been long recognised in military circles. Remove hostages to safety, as they were removed in Norway and the Netherlands, and the threat is extinguished.

Military security can know no limitation and if the Imperial Government believes that the security of Empire depends upon the evacuation of a section of the women and children of Hongkong, then those women and children must be evacuated and, however unpleasant it becomes to us as individuals, we must whole-heartedly support the Whitehall decision. This Empire is at war and the rights of individuals must be subordinated to the welfare of the whole.

We quarrel, then, not with the fact that evacuation has been ordered for a section of the community and that it becomes to us as individuals, we must whole-heartedly support the Whitehall decision. This Empire is at war and the rights of individuals must be subordinated to the welfare of the whole.

Nine months of war experience enables the balance to be struck. Concentrated air power, in close proximity to its own aerodromes, can inflict losses on the less strongly armoured naval units. It has signally failed, however, to annul the decisive advantages conferred by sea power. A recent and striking example was the successful withdrawal of the Allied armies from the Belgian coast.

ON the new all-power Defence Act Wells said: "Fine Socialism . . . England has had its revolution."

Only Italy: "Italy stands on three legs, and can shift from one to another. At present the monarchy leg is in the air—but it might come down into use again."

On Labour leaders in the Government: "A much better, more experienced, type than those who went into the Coalition in the last war. For practical purposes, a man like Herbert Morrison is far better educated than an Etonian Tory front-bencher."

Wells is still implacably against Halifax & others who thought Goering more 'gentlemanly' than a house-painter; still thinks the Russians must help us a lot—"only we must stop treating them like under-servants."

HE doesn't think a negotiated peace possible now; but holds that detailed armistice terms (such as complete air disarmament) should be got ready at once in some neutral country.

WELLS is staying on in London, cherishing his fine Persian carpets: to protect them from incendiary bombs he has just equipped himself with black glasses, shovel, asbestos gloves & apron (stuff from which ruined his best suit).

For a diabetic of 73, he seems in vigorous health; enjoyed every course of a lavish lunch until the last, a strawberry confection, which he tasted & put aside, saying "Unsuitable for a president of the Diabetic Association."

IT was handed to, & consumed by, another guest, a chimpanzee named George. This was the first time I had ever lunched with a chimpanzee and H. G. Wells.

New Ships For Britain

During the next few months, states an Admiralty announcement, the Royal Navy will receive a further large increase in strength, comprising every category of warship from battleships to motor torpedo boats, and a very large number of auxiliary craft.

The acceleration of work in the shipyards is such that the output of new construction is progressively increasing. Nearly 1,000,000 tons of warships are building in British shipyards.

The German Navy has suffered the destruction of a high proportion of its effectiveness.

The contrast between German naval weakness and the great and growing strength of the Allied navies has apparently alarmed the German High Command. This anxiety is shown by the constant issue of groundless claims of naval sinkings, that German air power has achieved a spectacular ascendancy over British naval power.

The balance of naval strength in favour of the Allies is now far greater than at the outbreak of war. The pre-war strength of the British Empire Navies, and the losses suffered, are:

15 capital ships—1 lost.
7 aircraft carriers—1 lost.
62 cruisers—2 lost.
185 submarines—8 lost.
108 minesweepers, sloops, patrol vessels and gunboats—6 lost.

Since the beginning of the war, in addition to reinforcements of warships of all classes except battleships, the Navy has been strengthened by more than fifty armed merchant cruisers, of which one has been lost; and more than 1,500 minor war vessels and auxiliary craft, of which fifty-eight have been lost. The Allied Fleet has been reinforced by the active co-operation of Polish, Norwegian and Dutch naval forces.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Oh I feel grand, dear . . . I just finished telling that instalment collector what I thought of him!"

How the NEW WORLD was won

AN historian sat down, in British Empire. It might have been June, 2040, to write the book. Nearly, it was.

He inscribed at the top of the most vital chapter in the history of mankind. For while, filled with a simple faith, an island people rose from their slumbers to assemble their latent words, "The Battle of Britain," might, a few disgruntled politicians still plotted for power.

There was a handful of timorous folk who, fearful of their fortunes and clinging on to their dead privileges, would again have sought to placate the enemy of all mankind.

It related how, because Sir John Simon, a Foreign Minister of Britain, cynically rejected, at the Disarmament Conference, the claims of a democratic Germany to equality, under the League Covenant, "in terms of disarmament or rearmament," the delegates returned to a country which, humiliated, hurled them from office.

He read, then, what he had written on scores of pages—how the Germans turned, in despair, to a bargained house-painter named Hitler, who had written in a book called "Mein Kampf" how he would avenge the country of his adoption.

YOU can guess the rest of it. How the world read the book and laughed at it.

How, one day, when the house-painter, having become Boss, had grabbed one country and another was threatened, timorous statesmen, flattered by his cruelty and ruthlessness, signed a pact with him.

How, even when he broke his plighted word and enslaved another country, these same frightened folk tried to placate him.

How the house-painter then invaded another land and crushed it, while two proud allies could not help.

How then, in ten short weeks, the self-enthroned house-painter, doing nearly all that he had prophesied, grabbed yet another country and conquered four others, reducing them to slavery.

"THOSE chapters crowd into a few months," said the historian, "more tragedy, more despair, more horror, than were experienced by all the nations of the world in the previous ten centuries."

"Never was man so blind. Never was man so stupid. Never did statesmen blunder so."

"I have written down the Calvary of half Europe and how darkness descended upon the earth."

THEN, his eyes bedewed by the thought of all the suffering that millions had endured, the historian took up his pen again.

He read, once more, the title, "The Battle of Britain," and began to write.

NO, it was not the story of the decline and fall of the peace and amity.

DEBATE ON BUDGET

Effect Of New Taxes On Big Incomes

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—On resumption of the debate on the Budget in the House of Commons to-day, Sir George Broadbridge said that the city of London would approve the Chancellor's proposals and give them support.

Control Of Production

Mr. Clement Davis, Independent Member, discussing the problem of filling the gap between revenue and expenditure, said that the Budget was not enough, and it was no more than a few bricks when a whole wall was wanted to fill the gap. The main solution must come through the control of production.

All labour and capital, equipment, stocks and materials not required for the maintenance of the standard of living necessary for health and morale must be used for defence purposes.

Production of non-essential goods should be prohibited and the expenditure on essentials rationed, and the tremendous surplus capacity thus created must be employed by the State in war production or exports.

Government Replies

Mr. Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replying said that comments from the United States and the Dominions showed that outsiders were impressed not only by the size of the budget, the Chancellor was asking the House to approve but also by the way his speech was received, showing as it did the determination of the British people to defend the country.

Mr. Crookshank pointed out that while a year ago a single man's income was taken from him if his taxable income was £17,000, now half would be taken at approximately £5,500.

What was left to the taxpayer now, was, in practically every case, half of what was left last July. For example, in the case of an income of £25,000, what was left last July after the deduction of all taxation was just under £12,000, but now the amount left was just under £6,000.

Intensifying Blockade

New Measures To Be Adopted

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" lobby correspondent states that Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister for Economic Warfare, is expected to announce in the House of Commons next Tuesday a more comprehensive check on goods which may be intended for the enemy, or that constitute enemy exports.

It is believed that the blockade will be simplified by the extension of the navicert system over a very much wider area than at present.

Facilitating Neutral Trade

This would have the effect of facilitating neutral trade while releasing naval forces for other duties. Under the new scheme, vessels are likely to find that approach to many ports hitherto free or exit from such ports carrying enemy exports will be difficult unless a navicert has been obtained in advance.

Protection Not Wanted

Netherlands Reply To U.S. Proposal

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Dutch circles in London state that the Netherlands' diplomatic representatives in American States have been instructed to explain the attitude of the Government towards the proposal to establish a joint protectorate over its possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

They are of the opinion that the proposal does not apply to the Netherlands since the Netherlands Government, far from being under German influence, is exercising full and independent authority over the non-occupied parts of the kingdom.

Independence For Brittany Promised

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The German radio has broadcast a statement by the "Breton National Council" declaring that after the war, Brittany would be organised as a national state independent of France. The statement referred to the "great understanding of the needs of the people of Brittany" shown by Germany in appointing a governor for the province. It declares that "for 400 years the people of France have denied us the right of self-determination."

NAZI CLAIMS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—A Berlin High Command communique claims that "one of our speedboats south of Portland sank a large enemy merchant ship of 10,000 tons by torpedo."

The communique also claims that industrial plants in various parts of the United Kingdom and an aircraft factory at Weybridge were bombed. It adds: "The total enemy losses yesterday were 10 planes. Six of our own planes are missing."

Cuba's Plan For Colonies In New World

To Become Republics Or Be Annexed

HAVANA, July 25 (Reuter).—Against the United States plan for a collective mandate, the Cuban delegation at the Pan-American Conference is urging that where action is necessary, the colonies of European belligerents in the New World should be temporarily entrusted to the care of a neighbouring nation to be agreed on by the Conference.

Under the proposal, the colonies are to be absolutely free to decide whether they wished to act as a new republic, or be annexed by another American nation.

Checking Propaganda

The various plans for checking attempts inspired from abroad to establish "unacceptable" systems of government in the Americas do not include military measures, but one proposal calls for curtailment of privileges enjoyed by diplomatic and consular representatives.

The formulation of economic measures to curb foreign influence in the New World will, it is believed, be postponed until the delegates meet at Washington.

R.A.F. Carry On Despite Bad Weather

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communique says that heavy rain, thunder storms and severe icing conditions hampered our bomber operations last night.

Despite this, docks at Emden, Wilhelmshaven and Hamburg, aircraft factories at Wismar and Wenzendorf and seaplane bases at Borkum and Texel were attacked.

All our aircraft returned safely.

MR. BUTLER AND BURMA ROAD

Evasive Reply To Commons Question

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Labourite, Mr. J. Morgan, asked in the House of Commons to-day if the decision to close the Burma Road to war supplies for China was subject to revision in the event of Japan stimulating further action of a kind disapproved by the British Government, the hypothesis contemplated on British interests or prestige in the Far East during the period over which the agreement operates.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Foreign Under-Secretary, in a written reply, said: "I have no reason to suppose that the hypothesis contemplated by Mr. Morgan represents the intention of the Japanese Government. I am consequently not in a position to make a statement."

U.S. AMBULANCES FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Minister of Health, has accepted the first part of a fleet of 200 motorised ambulances, surgical units and first-aid posts presented by the American Ambulance to Great Britain for use among civilian casualties caused by air raids.

The vehicles will be driven by the Women Transport Service.

NIGHT HAUNTS TO BE CONTROLLED

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Wide powers to deal with bottle parties and other night haunts, which are considered undesirable, are contained in a new defence regulation.

The Police throughout the country are empowered to close offending premises altogether or between certain hours.

Oil Shipments To Spain Held Up

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, declared that two shipments of oil to Spain were stopped because the cargoes appeared to be destined for Germany and Italy.

He declared that the action had no relation with the reports that Britain is trying to prevent oil from reaching Germany through Spain.

India May Appoint Trade Envoys

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The All-India radio says that the Indian Government are considering a proposal to appoint Trade Commissioners in Australia and South Africa.

Efforts are also being made to expand trade with North and East Africa.

Trawlers Lost In Air Attacks

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that His Majesty's trawlers, Kingston, Galena and Rodino, are lost as the result of enemy air attacks.

The next-of-kin of the casualties have been informed.

Goering Helps Our Red Cross

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Goering has helped the British Red Cross financially.

No, he has not gone generous or anything, but 350 guineas were raised in London to-day by auction of two books formerly owned by the Field Marshal.

Both are heavily marked with a blue pencil by his own little hand. One of the books is entitled "Secrets of the Elders of Zion."

3,000 AIRCRAFT A MONTH

American Pledge To British Govt.

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau stated to-day that the United States has pledged "every facility" to enable the British Government to buy 3,000 aircraft a month in addition to the huge orders previously placed.

The new arrangements would require the construction of new factories and the British have promised to pay for these factories and their output.

The Treasury and the War and Navy Departments were in complete agreement on this commitment.

The production members of the Defence Committee, Mr. Signius Knudsen, he said, would work out the details.

Plenty Of Money

The new factories would give the United States capacity to build far in excess of the 50,000 aircraft annually, as mentioned by President Roosevelt in his defence message on May 15.

Remarking that the British seem to have plenty of money, Mr. Morgenthau added: "The sums involved are colossal."

He declared that the British authorities proposed immediate action so that they could meet the delivery of 3,000 aircraft a month during 1941 and 1942.

R.A.F. RAID LIBYA

Fifty Enemy Planes Bombed At Derna

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—R.A.F. headquarters announce that a highly successful raid was carried out to-day by Blenheim bombers on Derna in Libya.

Over 50 enemy fighters and bombers were found on the ground. All our bombs fell among them causing considerable damage.

A fighter patrol of five Gladiators protecting the return of our bombers encountered seven enemy fighters and shot down five into the sea.

All our aircraft returned safely. The R.A.F. also announced that the fighter reported missing in the communique earlier to-day has been found and the pilot is safe.

Five Italians Shot Down. CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that R.A.F. fighters shot down five Italian fighters into the sea off Libya. There were no British casualties.

KING CAUGHT IN AIR RAID

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King spent ten minutes in an underground shelter to-day when an air raid started. He had just finished inspecting new extensions to some big barracks on the south coast.

The men and boys whom His Majesty had been inspecting immediately marched in orderly fashion to the shelter.

The King, with the Admiral Commanding-in-Chief, entered his car, drove slowly to shelter cheered by marching men as the car passed them.

New "Mustn't" For Nazi Public

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The German public has been forbidden to listen to German broadcasts from transmitting stations in German-occupied territories and controlled by German authorities, according to the Dutch "Aneep" news agency.

Severe penalties, including imprisonment, are threatened against violation of this new order, the agency adds.

PUNISHMENT FOR WAR CRIMES

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Sentences up to 14 years, penal servitude for certain offences against the State are covered by an Order-in-Council issued in London to-day. The crimes include communication with enemy agents, illegal signalling to ships, or aircraft entering or leaving the country at unauthorised ports.

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that Gold Coast and Nigerian troops arrived in East Africa some days ago.

Italy Wants Palestine

Assistance Of The Vatican Sought

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—According to a report reaching the Jewish telegraphic agency, a campaign has been launched in the Italian Press, suggesting that the inclusion of Palestine in the Italian Empire is one of Italy's war aims.

The Italian Government are reported to be seeking to induce the Vatican to demand a "Catholic Holy Land."

Detailed Plan

The "Tribuna" publishes a detailed plan for the administration of Palestine after the war on lines similar to Albania.

The newspaper proposes that Jews shall be evacuated from Palestine in mass, and says that the Jewish problem can only be solved by new dispersals of Jews to sparsely populated territories.

1,700 PERISHED IN TROOPSHIP

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heard motor engines and saw the wake of a vessel.

The Meknes came under machine-gun fire almost immediately.

She stopped immediately and blew her whistle to indicate that she had stopped, and made the signal "Who are you?"

No Reply To Signal

No reply was made to this signal and the Meknes thereupon flashed her name and nationality several times.

The machine-gunning continued and was followed by heavier fire from a small calibre gun, which holed and rendered unseaworthy the port lifeboats.

At 10.55 p.m. the Meknes was hit by a torpedo and she sank some minutes later.

Of about 1,000 survivors rescued by the British naval forces and landed in this country, 120 officers and 41 men are in hospital and the others are being cared for in naval establishments.

There is now reason to believe that other survivors may have made for the French coast.

SEVERE NAZI AIR LOSSES

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cost the Germans over 200 planes against the loss of 35 of our fighters. In addition of course the Germans have lost a much higher number in the fighting in Holland, Belgium and France.

The loss of planes is less serious to Germany than the loss of trained crews. There are indications that Germany is beginning to lack trained reserves.

Drive For Pilots

The official German news agency to-day announced that a campaign to encourage German youths to volunteer in the air force and anti-aircraft defences will soon be started.

The age of these youths is not stated but the crews of German planes shot down in England have included boys of 16 and 17 years of age.

One result has been that the Germans have been considerably hampered in their attempts to organise mass attacks from aerodromes in Holland, Belgium and France and from the bases they had hoped to establish in Norway.

U.S. MOVE APPROVED

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German persuasive efforts in Tokyo have not been successful.

Not Surprising

Prince Konoye's attitude causes little surprise here. In Washington rather a lower value is usually placed than in London on Japanese threats and alleged intentions to act drastically.

Apart from the much debated point as to whether there is any moderate element in Japan, Washington believes there is still much division within Japan. Important elements pulling in different directions, however similar their ultimate objectives—and that is not in question, which will provide the totalitarian necessity of instant, unthinking obedience to one single political head of the State, has not yet arrived in Japan.

Rumanian Ministers Meet Hitler

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Rome Radio states that the Rumanian Ministers, M. Gurgu (Prime Minister) and M. Manolescu (Foreign Minister) have arrived at Salzburg, where Hitler and Count Ciano received them.

THE WAR FUND

Despite a falling-off in donations to the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Fund, Ltd., the total, mounting steadily, yesterday just over \$600, was subscribed, and the total by afternoon was \$1,208,511.17. Latest donation: G. C. W.

CHAOTIC INDUSTRY

Petroleum Concerns Face Bankruptcy

MEXICO CITY, July 25 (Reuter).—President Cardenas has ordered the Labour Union leaders to carry out drastic reorganisation of the Mexico petroleum industry within a week.

A chaotic financial situation has developed in the industry since the foreign oil companies were expropriated two years ago.

Loss Of Markets. The reasons for this include the loss of European markets, labour demands exceeding those at the time of the expropriation and insufficient tankers even for minimum exports.

In addition, the Government has had to sink additional capital, amounting to about 100,000,000 pesos in the industry in order to meet maintenance costs. Experienced observers declare that in re-organising the industry, the number of workers must be reduced, wages must be heavily cut, and holidays shortened by half.

Workers, while expressing willingness to co-operate to save the industry, claim that the present situation is entirely due to the incompetence of the management.

Alexandria Raided

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—A naval communique says that Alexandria was raided by a small number of aircraft in the early hours of to-day.

A few bombs, including incendiary bombs, were dropped indiscriminately, causing only minor damage.

One person was killed and seven were injured.

ITALIAN LOSSES IN LIBYA

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—An Italian military communique to-day gave the names of 55 officers and men killed in Libya up to July 15.

They included a colonel and a lieutenant-colonel of the General Staff.

Thirty-one more were killed on the French front.

Earlier lists gave the names of nearly 1,200 dead or missing.

Another Italian communique announces that an Italian submarine has failed to return to its base. Presumably this is one of the 14 sunk by the Royal Navy and our aircraft in the Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean.

WHEAT FOR SPAIN

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced in London that exchange notes were signed on July 24 between the Portuguese, Spanish and British Governments regarding the acquisition by Spain of wheat for her own use and of Portuguese colonial products.

To facilitate payments for the latter, Britain has agreed that purchases to the value of £600,000 can be paid through Anglo-Spanish clearing.

Rumanians Arrest Frenchmen

BUCHAREST, July 25 (Reuter).—Nine French managers and technicians employed in the Rumanian oil industry were arrested by the Rumanian Police to-day.

All were mentioned in the recent Nazi White Book alleging an Allied plot to sabotage the Rumanian oil industry.

Re-Embarkation Delayed

Private cable advice received in Hongkong this morning indicates that the first batch of Service eyecees in Manila will not now sail for Australia until August 3. Yesterday it was reported that they would depart from Manila at 9 a.m. on July 29.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Disconnect	17—Made of burnt clay	33—A French governed country in Asia	49—Bird of prey
2—Method of operations	18—Artistic in finish	34—A French governed country in Asia	50—A French governed country in Asia
3—Bird	19—Unmoulded block	35—A French governed country in Asia	51—A French governed country in Asia
4—Plant producing aniseed	20—Unit of work	36—A French governed country in Asia	52—A French governed country in Asia
5—A French governed country in Asia	21—Go to right	37—A French governed country in Asia	53—A French governed country in Asia
6—A French governed country in Asia	22—Source of wood	38—A French governed country in Asia	54—A French governed country in Asia
7—Go in advance of	23—Ancient Upper Egypt	39—A French governed country in Asia	55—A French governed country in Asia
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9—A French governed country in Asia	25—Projecting piece of cap	41—A French governed country in Asia	57—A French governed country in Asia
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Sea Biscuit's Career

Second Failure In Santa Anita H'cap: Defeat Of War Admiral

(Third Chapter)
By Jack Guenther

ARCADIA, Cal. (UP).—Seabiscuit returned to Santa Anita Park in 1938 hailed as a champion. At the age of five he had earned \$210,000. He had won the Brooklyn handicap, the Butler, Yonkers, Massachusetts, Continental and the Riggs in quick succession and he apparently had the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap at his mercy. After the handicap, the Sun Beau money mark was just a step away.

But Seabiscuit lived up to his nickname of "Hard Luck Kid" faster than anyone had expected. First he lost his tune-up race, the \$10,000 San Antonio, to Espoza by a nose. Then, favoured at 19-10 he went into the Santa Anita and there was Stagehand, one of the great stretch-runners of the turf.

Stagehand was another story book horse. He came to California a maiden and in five starts scored three triumphs. One of the races he won was the \$50,000 Santa Anita derby. He was a beautiful thing, full of long-striding run, but he was just three years old and youngsters seldom carry their weight against a good older horse.

But what everyone forgot was that Stagehand's Santa Anita weight was a feather of 100 pounds while the rugged Biscuit drew 130.

MAYBE you remember how that race ended. Johnny Pollard, the Biscuit's jockey, lay in a hospital with a shattered leg while George Woolf took his baby to the post.

For the first 120 seconds of the race Pollard's shouts rang through the hospital halls.

Two seconds later his tears puddled the top of his bedside table. For during those two seconds Stagehand came out of the clouds to whip the champ—by a nose. So in the space of four seconds and the combined distance of a teacup, Seabiscuit lost \$180,000—the Santa Anita of 1937 and 1938.

Pollard stayed in the hospital for almost another year but the Biscuit went back on the road. He developed a game knee around this time but on he went through Agua Caliente, Bay Meadows, Arlington Park, Hollywood Park, Del Mar, Belmont, Havre de Grace and Laurel. His heart was too big to be stopped by weight, and it was too big to be stopped by a bad knee.

By October his winnings had soared to \$325,480—just a step from Sun Beau now—and Seabiscuit

New Secretary For Tennis Assn.

It is announced that with the resignation of Mr. T. A. Pearce from the Secretaryship of the Hongkong Tennis Association this position will be filled by Mr. C. J. Tacchi as from July 26. Mr. Tacchi's address is 4 Cornwall Avenue or the Kowloon C.C.

WAR ADMIRAL UNDEFEATED

THEY all knew the Biscuit then, but Pimlico is in Maryland in the heart of the east, and the horse in the heart of the east was the Admiral, old Nan O'War's favourite son. Seabiscuit, the Nouve rich westerner, had won and he had lost, but War Admiral had always won. He had swept the triple crown of the Derby, the Preakness and Belmont Stake and he was the king. Men swore by this king. They said he couldn't be beaten, not by any horse that ever lived.

Silent Tom Smith and Charles Howard said nothing. They brought the Biscuit to town—silently. They heard 90 percent of the men who make racing their business tell them they couldn't win. But they said nothing. Seabiscuit said it all for them.

THE GREAT RACE

THERE was a hush in the golden haze of that November afternoon in Maryland, as the two of them were off. But not for long. Within a dozen strides, the close-packed spectators were gasping. War Admiral, the fastest post horse in racing, the horse who had taken the track from every opponent he

U.S. TENNIS ASSN. TIGHTENS UP ON AMATEURS

Gene Mako And Sabin Suspended For Breach Of Expense Rule

NEW YORK (AP).—Twenty-four hours after its executive committee had suspended Gene Mako and Wayne Sabin for breaking the amateur rules, the United States Lawn Tennis Association adopted legislation to forestall similar infractions in the future.

Under the new code, the presidents of the 13 sectional associations, acting jointly with the national president, are empowered to rule on a club's right to pay and a player's right to receive travelling and living expenses.

The action for the first time gives the U. S. L. T. A. the power to withhold payment of expenses. Previously, it could only take punitive action after it had been shown that a player had broken the rules.

Mako, former Davis Cup star and national singles finalist in 1938, and Sabin, No. 5 in the 1939 national rankings, were barred from competition in all U. S. L. T. A. sanctioned tournaments because they collected excessive travelling expenses.

The executive committee's action, the most drastic since Big Bill Tilden was dropped from the 1928 Davis Cup team for violating the player-writer rule, will keep Sabin and Mako out of competition at least through 1940. They cannot file application for reinstatement until September.

President Holcombe Ward pointed out that the association had been lenient in the past in enforcing the eight-weeks and expense rules, and that it hoped there would be no need for equally severe punishment in the future.

JAPAN SPORTS PROTEST TO AMERICA

"High Handed And Arbitrary"

TOKYO, July 25 (Domei).—The Japanese Amateur Athletic Association yesterday cabled a protest to the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States against the latter's sudden cancellation of the scheduled trip to Japan by the University of Southern California basketball team at the invitation of the Japan Basketball Association.

The Japan A.A.A. regards the action as high-handed and arbitrary, similar to the cancellation of their trip by the group of Hawaiian swimmers this summer.

The Japan A.A.A. is now studying the possibilities of strengthening sports relations between Japan, Germany and Italy.

PIRATES NOSE OUT THE GIANTS

NEW YORK, July 25 (UP).—Pittsburgh Pirates nosed out the New York Giants 2-1 in the National Baseball League today, while the Chicago Cubs humbled the Boston Braves 8-4. Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	R	H	E	
Pittsburgh	2	6	1	
Batteries: Sewell, Davis, Lopez and Fernandez.				
New York	1	9	1	
Batteries: Schumacher, and Danning.				
Chicago	8	13	2	
Batteries: Lee, Root and Hartnett.				
Boston	4	9	3	
Batteries: Salvo, Javery and Berres.				

Lawn Bowls Teams For The Week-end

The following teams have been selected by various Clubs for lawn bowls league matches this week-end:

CLUB DE RECREIO	
"A" v. H.R.C. (away).—	
1. J. Silva, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves.	
2. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva.	
3. A. L. C. E. Marques, F. J. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva.	
"B" v. Police (away).—	
1. A. Machado, J. A. Remedios, C. Rosa Pereira and B. Bato.	
2. C. Alves, C. H. Bato, A. P. Guiterres and J. P. Bato.	
3. P. Pereira, A. E. Noronha, J. C. Remedios and J. E. Noronha.	
"C" v. C.S.C.C. (home).—	
1. F. Monteiro, C. Vas. J. R. Soares and C. P. Remedios.	
2. M. Silva, H. R. Pina, C. M. Alves and A. M. Rodrigues.	
3. J. Osmund, M. F. Pina, A. M. Xavier and E. Souza.	

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

1st team v. Kowloon D.G.C. (away).—

1. W. C. Simmonds, J. Hollidge, A. W. Grimmit and F. J. Jones.

2. E. W. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rajkumar and H. E. Strange.

3. G. Kelly, J. McGowan, L. A. Collier and J. W. Deakin.

2nd team v. Rectory (away).—

1. D. Crawley, H. Lord, H. F. Harper, C. Bunge.

2. J. Walker, J. R. Carr, A. Steven and S. F. Shepherd.

3. A. F. Shepherd, A. D. Allen, E. Kirmon and W. R. Hillier.

H.K. ELECTRIC

1. Kowloon D. G. C.—

A. G. Gardner, R. A. Owens, J. F. Lunny and A. F. Paul.

2. A. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, R. Dawson and J. K. Sloan.

3. W. Stoker, R. C. Butler, G. T. Padgett and G. S. Thompson.

Reserve, R. F. Gregory.

had faced, was beaten away from the tape.

The Biscuit beat him all the way. They still tell how the outlander came marching home, the drum-fire beat of his stride echoing off Pimlico's cream-coloured ramps with a music the West was never to forget.

At the end it was Seabiscuit by four.

LEG INJURY

THE ugly runt, was the king of them all that day, but off the track he walked and into a train to be away to the wars again. He was off for another shot at the \$100,000 Santa Anita purse he had missed twice by noses before.

Then, in his first start in California, the new king broke down and the veterinarians said he would never come back. He went to his barn—a three-legged horse, still \$35,000 shy of the Sun Beau mark, while tears streaked the cheeks of Silent Tom Smith, the men whose heart was supposed to be as hard as his horny hands.

(The next Chapter is the final one of Seabiscuit's career—his winning of the Santa Anita Handicap and his creating a record for earnings).

HENRY MCLEMORE DISCUSSES THE POSITION

LOS ANGELES, (UP).—That charming vagrant, the tennis bum, won't be with us much longer. The same tennis officials who made this "remittance man" life possible have suddenly awakened and realized what a wrong they were doing to a group of boys and the sport of tennis.

Up until this year any younger amateur tennis player with talent could make a living out of the game. A lazy, listless living, but a living nevertheless. With expense funds from his own association, and what he could wrangle in the way of board, lodging and appearance money from clubs holding tournaments, he could just drift about the country all year long.

Winters in Florida, California, Bermuda, Nassau, and almost everywhere else that the sun shines during the cold months. Summers in the East and mid-west. Eastburyton, Southampton, Rye, Spring Lake, Sonlight, Canada, odd spots in Wisconsin, and, for the very good ones, Australia, India, Egypt, and way points.

RACQUET RACKET

IT was a racket with a racket. Many a boy who got good at tennis drifted into this indolent, pleasurable life without realizing what he was doing to himself, and to his future. The life of a tennis bum was so easy to take. The best hotels. The smartest country clubs. Adulation. The prettiest girls. Dancing, parties.

There was always enough for spending money, and there was not a care for to-morrow. There was always another tournament ahead.

A few years of this and many a boy was unable to put his racket aside and go to work.

The United States Lawn Tennis Association made a show of stamping out the racket in the sport, which was making tennis bums on a wholesale scale of so many young men, several years ago. The Association passed a rule forbidding any player to travel outside of his home district on expense account for more than eight weeks during a year.

RULE NOT ENFORCED

However, this rule was not enforced and many of the boys played not eight weeks, or eight months, but twelve months a year on expense account. But, it would seem, that finally one old tennis father pinched another old tennis father and said:

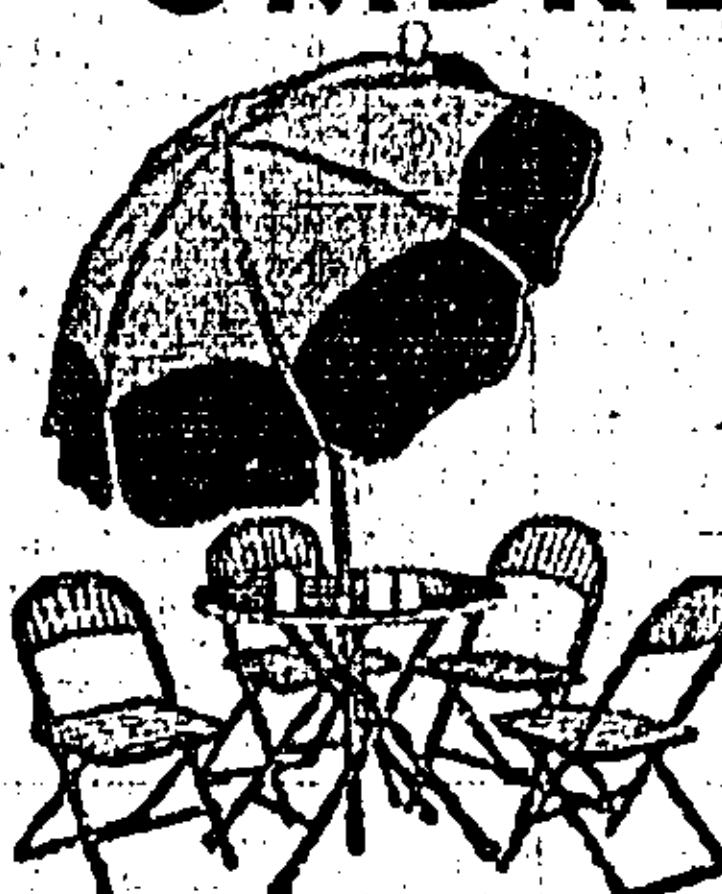
"Look! We've got a rule here that might be a good one if we would only enforce it."

So the Association sent out warning on the real call in the sport, really a rule, and to show that they meant it, halted two of the game's star players, Wayne Sabin and Gene Mako, on to the carpet. A last report, Sabin and Mako were still ineligible for sanctioned U. S. L. T. A. tournaments.

WANDERINGS ENDED

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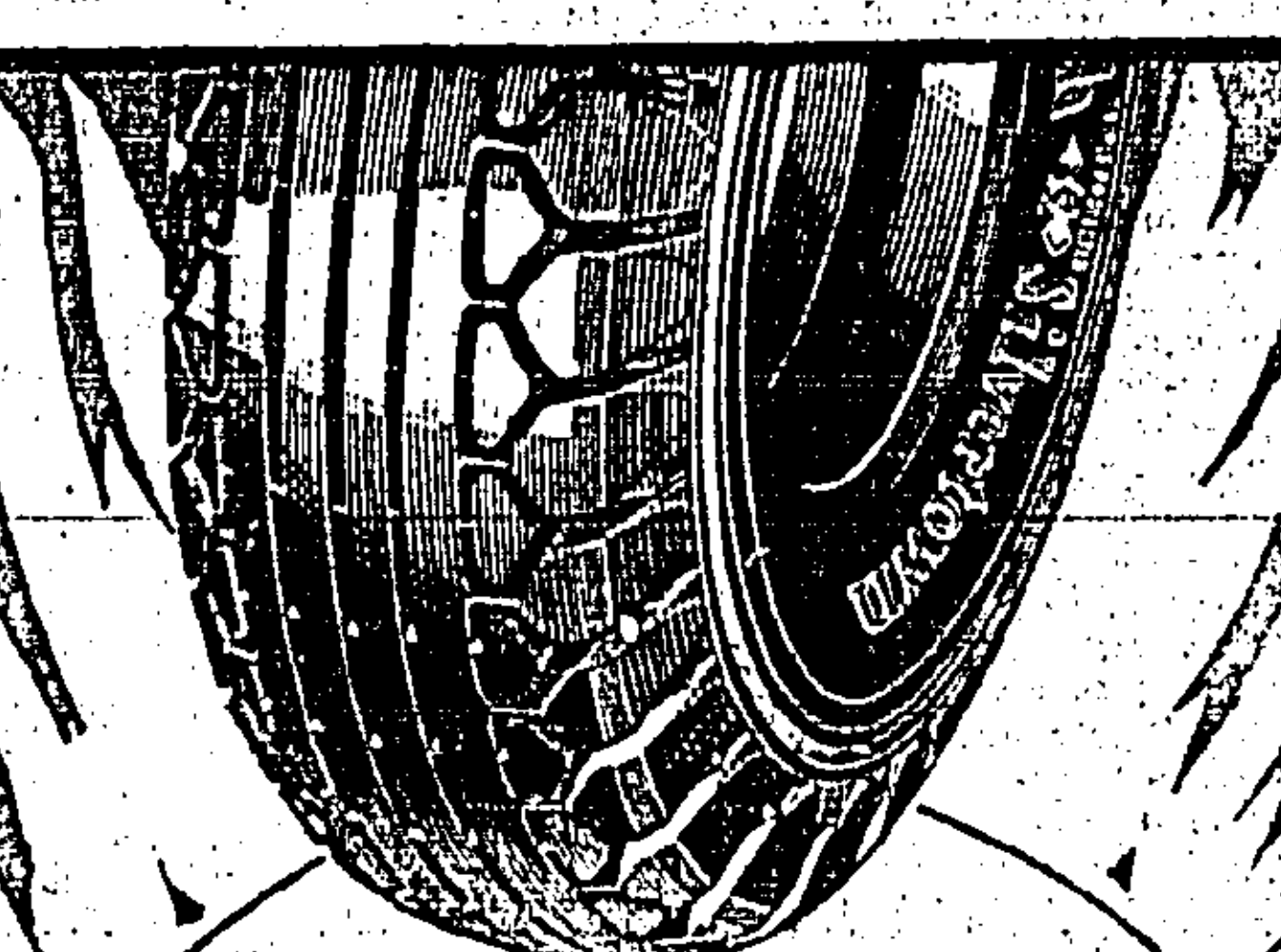
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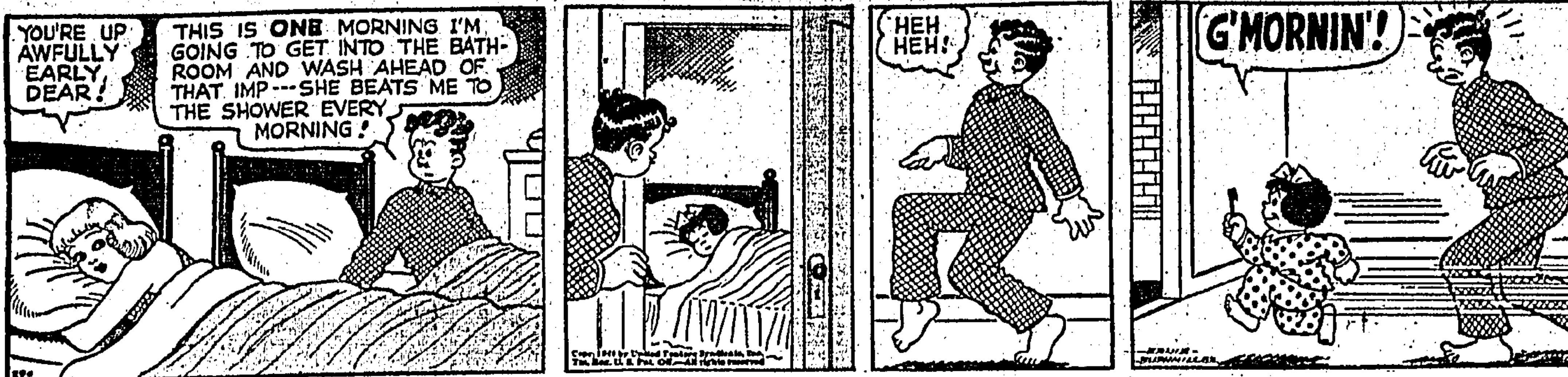
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NANCY

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German Rumour Drive

Sweeps America

ADOLF HITLER is still frightened to death by the United States of America.

He and his ally Mussolini scoff at America's chance of aiding the British Empire in its fight for immediate survival and eventual victory, but actually they are convinced that American aid, even short of war, can prolong the European war into the dark winter that faces the dictatorships.

This is what they are most anxious to avoid.

So Dr. Goebbels has obviously been told to go to work on America.

Germany's psychologists believe that if America can be convinced that it will only be sharing in Britain's defeat if it goes to war on Britain's side, then some one in America will soon start tugging at the skirts of Hitler's toga to make friends with him before it is too late.

That accounts for the number of stories that have emanated from Berlin lately.

GIRLS MAKE MUNITIONS



V. A. D. Finds Soldier

Son in Her Hospital

A VOLUNTEER Red Cross nurse on duty at a hospital where wounded soldiers were arriving was surprised to find her soldier son among the patients.

But he was not wounded. He had scarlet fever.

And because she came into contact with him for a few moments she had to go off duty and into quarantine.

Graphic stories were told by some of the wounded men who arrived at this hospital, which is at Rothery, Birmingham.

"We are all lucky to have got out of that hell alive," said an R.A.M.C. private. "Stretcher-bearers have been machine-gunned while they carried the wounded."

A twenty-four-year-old sergeant pilot, whose face was marked because of the burns he received after crashing, told how he attacked six Messerschmitts single-handed.

"I was scrapping with one machine and had brought him down," he said, "when six Messerschmitts dived down on me."

"For half an hour I was hopping in and out of trees and over hedges, firing at them as best I could. My rear-gunner was shot and my ammunition exhausted and the six of them still stuck to me."

"I got a shell through my engine and down I went. The machine burst into flames. It was like an inferno and it was impossible to get to my gunner. I tried, but was blinded by the flames."

"This is the only thing I managed to recover from the machine."

It was a photograph of his young wife and thirteen-month-old baby girl.

No days off in Britain. Munitions factories operate seven days a week to speed supply of war materials to embattled Allies. This view is in factory somewhere in England, where women turn out shells and bombs.

Evacuation Helpers Urgently Wanted

THE L.C.C. is to make every effort to move London school-children successfully should the Government order further evacuation, and volunteers for this service are urgently required.

Mr. E. M. Rich, Education Officer, points out that one essential is a generous supply of responsible adults to act as escorts. Travelling and overnight expenses will be paid by the Government.

The council would also welcome offers of help from volunteer drivers with their own cars or motor-cycles, mainly for liaison work in London during the six days taken up by the evacuation scheme.

A mileage rate will be paid to cover scheme. A mileage rate will be paid to cover expenses.

More offers of assistance are needed from women willing to give help to the billeting authorities in the reception areas, particularly those with domestic experience or with knowledge of nursing or social work.

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Such helpers are entitled to a Government billet with free board and lodging and, in addition, the Government have authorised a small weekly payment to cover out-of-pocket expenses for those who would not otherwise be in a position to offer their services.

Volunteers should write at once to the Education Officer (N.Y.), The County Hall, S.E.1, or to the Evacuation Officer of any Metropolitan evacuation area adjoining the County of London.

Volunteers may also enrol through Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence.

POPE SEES AMBASSADOR

Vatican City, July 25.—The Pope to-day gave a private audience to the United States Ambassador to Brussels, Mr. John Cudahy.—United Press.

Captured German Won Sweep

A sixpenny sweepstake organised by the crew of one of our submarines which had just torpedoed a German ship, was won by the German captain, whom they had taken prisoner.

The crew had a wager as to what time they would pass a well-known landmark on their way home, and the captain of the submarine lent the German captain sixpence to take part.

As the winner was being marched off the submarine as a prisoner, jingling the prize-money in his pockets, one of the British sailors exclaimed: "Gorblimey, I don't call that playing cricket. I call it tennis."

WOMEN IN NEW SWISS GUARD

THE Swiss General Staff has announced the formation of a Home Guard for all Swiss cities, towns and villages as a defence against Fifth Column activities or parachute invaders.

It is believed that the guard will include all soldiers on leave from active service, and all youths, women and old men possessing rifles.

DROVE COLONEL—FREE TO EXCEED LIMIT

POLICE have orders not to stop Service men wearing uniform and on duty for speeding offences. It was stated at Eastleigh (Hants) recently, when a summons against Private Ronald Sweeting, stationed at Southampton, for exceeding the 30 m.p.h. speed limit was dismissed, although the offence was committed before the introduction of the order. Sweeting was alleged to have driven a 20 h.p. Army car at 40-45 m.p.h. through a built-up area. An Army officer told the Court that the private was driving his colonel on urgent business.

Two other Service men stopped in uniform, but on leave, were fined 10s. each at the same court for speeding offences.

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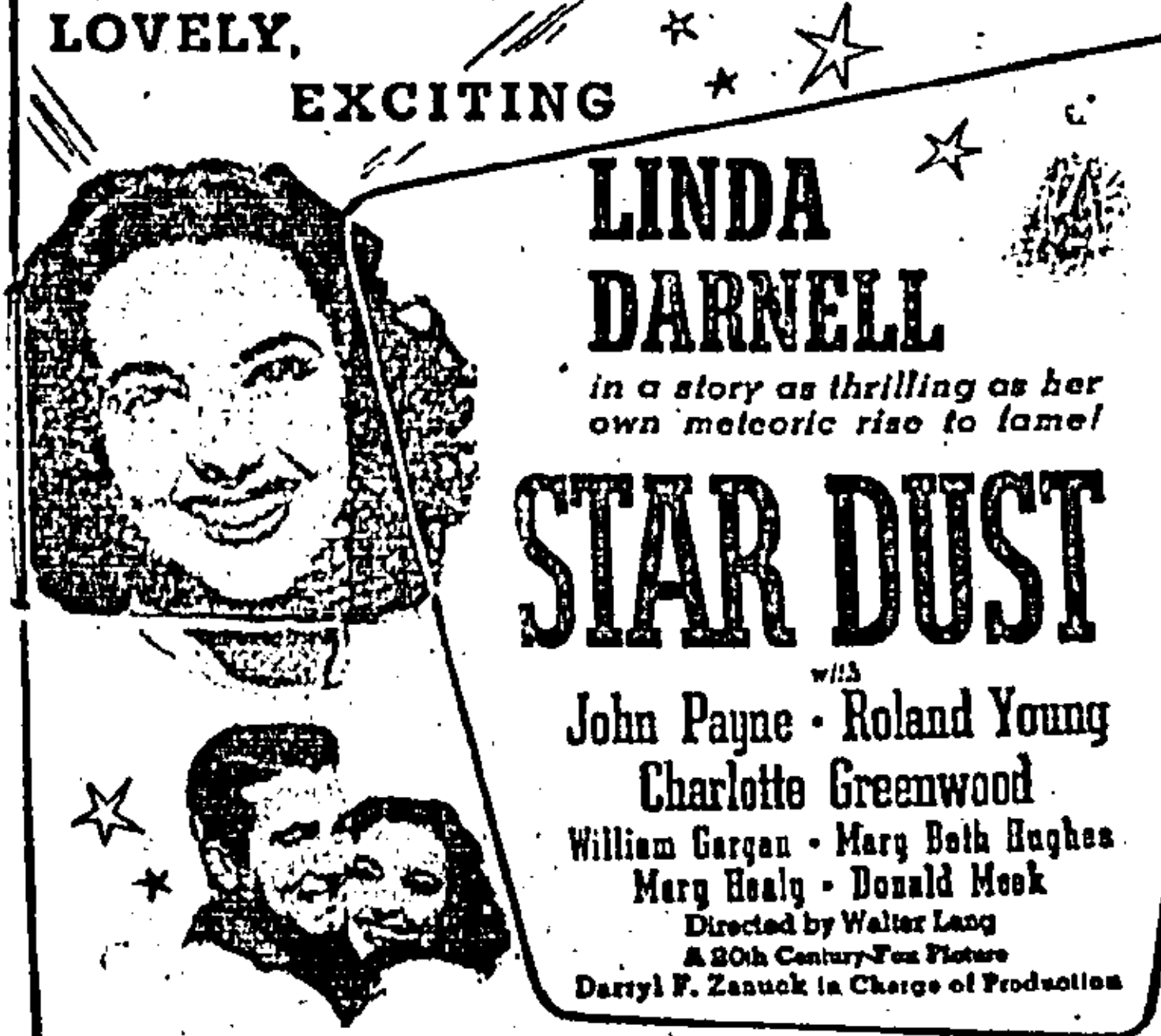
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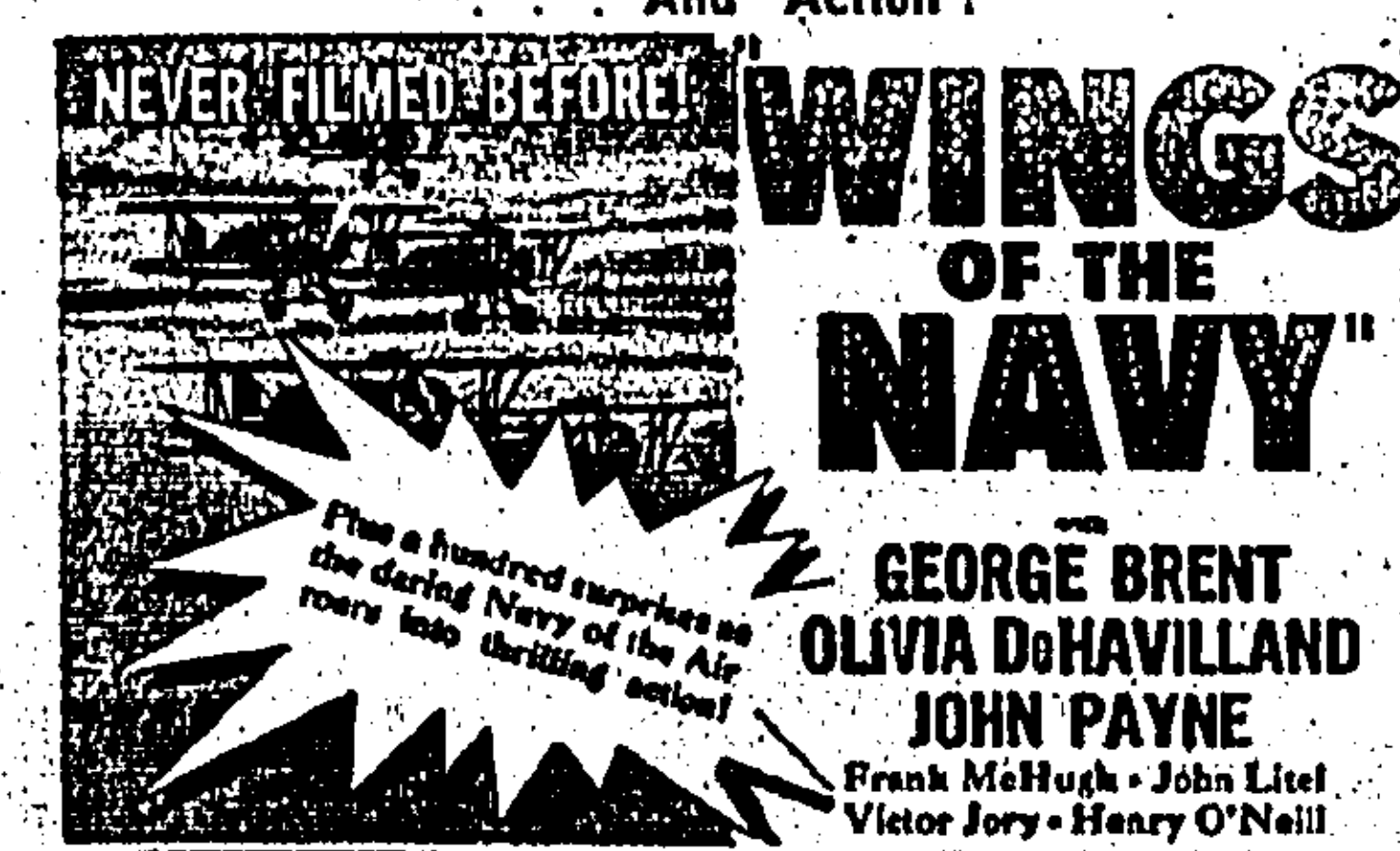
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JUDGE and child smiled confidently at one another when eleven-year-old Doris Kooymann, of Crossway, Dagenham, Essex, sat close to Mr. Justice Stable on the bench in the King's Bench Division, to give evidence in a personal injuries claim on behalf of an eight-year-old girl friend.

Doris said that with her friend, Joan May Holmville, she was standing on the pavement in Bennett's Castle, Dagenham, one evening in March, 1939, when Joan began to cross the road and was knocked down by a car owned by Mr. Frederick Harold Archer, of Baron-road, Chadwell Heath.

Through her father, Mr. Edward George Holmville, of Mossford-road, Bow, London, E. Joan claimed damages from Mr. Archer.

Mr. Holmville said Joan still had to wear a skull cap to cover a long scar, which looked like a parting of the hair. She had no recollection of the accident.

Mr. Archer denied any negligence alleged. He pleaded that Joan suddenly dashed into the road without looking to see if traffic was approaching.

He thought she was trying to retrieve a marble she had dropped. Her head struck the handle of the car door.

Mr. Justice Stable entered judgment for Mr. Archer, with costs.

Colonial Appointments

Vichy, July 25.
Marshal Petain has named Admiral Doux, Governor-General of Indo-China. He will continue in command of the French Naval Forces in the Far East.

Establishing a military control over the colonies, Marshal Petain has also named Admiral Esteva as Resident-General of Tunisia in succession to M. Peyrou, who becomes General Secretary of the Administration of Police.

Continuing the transfer of Government banks and insurance activities to Paris, the Government announced to-day that the Paris Bourse would resume trading early next week, which is contrary to the Official German News Agency's report that it has been already opened. The Cassin Court, which took refuge in Lyons, is returning to Paris where the court will reopen on August 5.—United Press.

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—The State Department announces that the United States Army Transport is leaving New York immediately for Palsamo to remove stranded Americans.

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Clement Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, announced that there will be a secret session on foreign affairs next Tuesday.

LATE NEWS

R. A. F. Stronger Than Before The Blitzkrieg

By GEORGE THOMAS

BRITAIN'S Air Force is to-day stronger than ever, despite the great part it has played in the recent battles and the losses it has suffered.



The American Ambassador to France, William C. Bullitt, is hated by the Nazis for his outspoken comments over recent years. He is remaining in France as U.S. minister to the Petain Government.

This good news was given to me by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production.

"Aircraft production in every category," he said, "has, since May 10 [when Hitler's Western Blitzkrieg began] exceeded the total casualty list, including casualties sustained through accidents at home."

"The aircraft available of every type now in use exceeds the number of machines at the disposal of the Air Force when the battle broke out."

Lord Beaverbrook added that, in addition to production, repairs had replenished stocks.

There was on hand a very good surplus stock of engines.

The Minister paid tribute to all who had contributed to this result.

"The public," he said, "should give thanks for this immense effort to all the aircraft factories and engine shops, and to their workers, who have striven by night and day, without time off for recreation, without any regard for the pleasures and amenities of life."

"Their conduct is beyond praise. We can place our future in their keeping with confidence."

Palestine Jews ask to be Mobilised

THE British Government is urged by the Jewish Labour Party in Palestine to mobilise the "scores of thousands of Jewish men in Palestine who are prepared, heart and soul, to join in the defence of the country under the British flag, in the fight against Hitlerism and Fascism."

Hongkong Treasures

A Review Of The Chater Art Collections

In his review for 1939, the Controller of Stores mentions that the City Hall Museum collection consists nowadays of an interesting assortment of named fresh water shells, a number of murex shells and corals, minerals, a few specimens of mammals, birds and reptiles, and a miscellaneous assortment of specimens, all of historic interest to the Colony or to countries adjacent to the Colony. The collection has been placed in storage pending the erection of a building suitable for its public exhibition.

The Chater collection of porcelain, bequeathed to the Hongkong Government by the late Sir Paul Chater, consists of 17th, 18th, and 19th century wares, including a small group of Chinese ceramics of the Ch'ing period of the Ch'ing dynasty and, in the opinion of an expert Committee, is by no means representative of Chinese ceramic art. There are two dishes of the Chengte period of the Ming dynasty. This collection has been stored during the year in the remaining part of the old City Hall. Arrangements were made to transfer the porcelain to the Central Store at North Point early in 1940, when the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club vacated its premises there.

The Chater collection of pictures, also bequeathed to the Hongkong Government, comprises oils, water colours, ink and pencil drawings and etchings, mezzo-tints, aqua-tints, engravings, lithographs and photographs, all of great interest to the

A resolution carried unanimously at a special meeting of the party council adds:

"Palestine Jewry are anxious to place all their resources at the disposal of the Government, and to associate themselves actively in every possible way with the defence of the country in the struggle against the enemy."

A message of encouragement has been sent by the council to "All our comrades in enemy-occupied territory who are continuing the struggle for democracy and Zionism."

The Jewish Labour Party in Palestine is the largest political party of the country.

PANAMA CANAL PANIC

Wild Accident Rumours Alarm Residents

Panama, July 25.—The entire isthmus is in a high state of nervousness as a result of sudden inexplicable flood rumours. These declared that 60 had been killed in an explosion at the Pedro Miguel locks, that there had been a terrible slide in the Gaillard Cut of the Panama Canal, and that there had been a major train wreck.

Some relatives of workers broke into a panic, refusing to believe official denials.—United Press.

Colony and many of historical value. In the absence of any suitable repository for the whole collection, those pictures which could not be given wall space at Government House have been distributed to the University and the Colonial Secretariat.

It is added that provision has been made in the 1940-41 Estimates for an underground concrete shelter to be built in the Stores compound at North Point, to store these collections in the event of an emergency.

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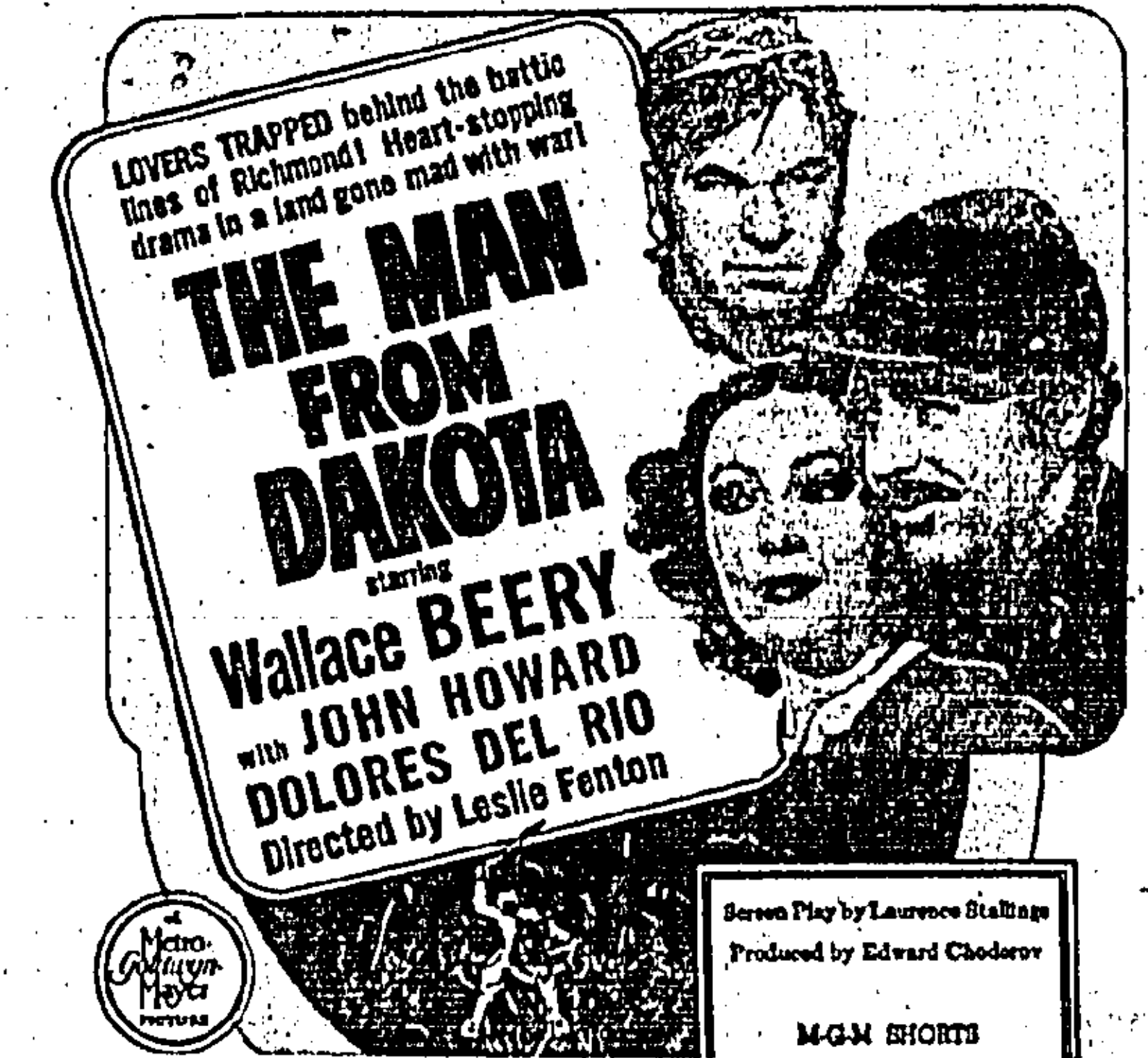


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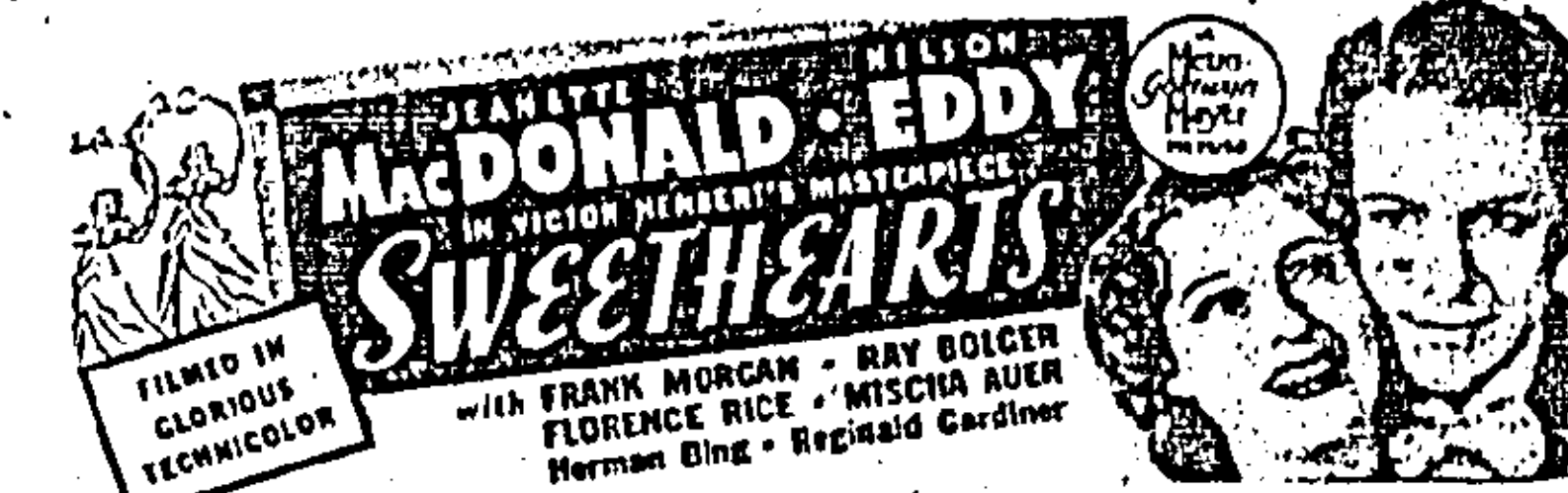


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Great Air Battles Continue Over The English Channel

GERMANS LOSE 20 PLANES TO BRITAIN'S FIVE: RAIDS FAIL

1,700 PERISHED IN TROOPSHIP OFF ST. NAZAIRE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, July 25 (UP).—It has been revealed that there were 5,300 people aboard the transport *Lancastria* when she was bombed and sunk while anchored off St. Nazaire.

A large number of women and children were included among the passengers.

4 Meatless Days A Week For Italians

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—From the beginning of August, Tuesday will be a meatless day in Italy, according to a German news agency message from Rome.

It is noted that Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are already meatless days.

Bread in restaurants will be restricted to 5½ ounces per person.

DUNKIRK TRAGEDY

2,477 Survivors From Lost *Lancastria*

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Altogether 2,477 survivors from the liner *Lancastria*, lost at St. Nazaire during the final evacuation from France, are known to have been picked up.

Aboard at the time she was sunk, it is estimated, 5,300 people, including a number of women and children.

This was revealed in London this evening when the circumstances of the sinking came to light.

It is possible that the actual number of those picked up may have been larger and that others may have made their way ashore and have fallen into enemy hands.

There is great difficulty in estimating what are the exact figures in view of the difficult circumstances under which the evacuation was taking place.

Sunk At Anchor

The *Lancastria* was sunk at anchor, having just completed embarking personnel for the evacuation. After half an hour's ineffectual attacks by aircraft, she was hit by a salvo of bombs and immediately took a heavy list.

This severely hampered the launching of the ship's life-boats. She capsized and finally sank within half an hour of being struck.

The majority of the survivors were picked up by small craft which were engaged in ferrying other personnel from docks to troopships. Some, however, managed to swim and wade ashore in the shallow water.

The survivors all paid tribute to the magnificent courage displayed by the ship's crews and all ranks at the time she was struck.

"Roll Out The Barrel"

As the ship went down, tommycots sang "Roll Out The Barrel" and "There will always be an England."

Women and children refugees jumped overboard only to be machine-gunned by the raiders.

ANKARA, July 25 (Reuter).—The National Assembly today voted new extraordinary credits of nearly £13,000,000 for land, air and naval forces and other national defence needs.

POLISH GOVERNMENT IN LONDON



HIS MAJESTY—the King—chattering with Count Raczynski (centre), the Polish Ambassador in London and Admiral Swirski, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Navy. The Polish Government removed from France to Britain with the collapse of French resistance.

HON. MR. M. K. LO AND EVACUATION DISCRIMINATION

The following letter regarding yesterday's debate by the Finance Committee, with special reference to his remarks apropos alleged discrimination among Hongkong evacuees in Manila has been received from the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph, Sir,—With reference to the report which has appeared in the Press concerning the remarks I made at the Finance Committee yesterday, and particularly to the statement I made that I had been informed that the women were weeded out by Dean Wilson and Mr. Houston on the advice of two ladies from Hongkong, Dean Wilson was kind enough to see me this morning.

Strict Alphabetical Order

He informed me that both Mr. Houston and he were responsible for putting in strict alphabetical order the lists of names supplied to them by the Director of Evacuation, and tabulating the information supplied on those lists. Further, that this information was demanded by the Consul General in Manila and was supplied by the Director of Evacuation from registration forms.

No alterations or additions were made after leaving Hongkong, except the occasional spelling of a name inaccurately spelt.

Dean Wilson accordingly made it absolutely clear to me that the statement that he and Mr. Houston had been responsible for the weeding out was absolutely untrue, and further that the implication that they were responsible through this discrimination for sending people to places which were not fit places to send anyone, was completely false.

Knowing both Dean Wilson and Mr. Houston very well, I was not in the least surprised to get their version of the facts.

Mr. Lo's Position

I had hoped that my position in the matter was quite plain. In view of the facts, I am, however, glad to see that the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo has been able to set the record straight.

80 NAZI PLANES ATTACK IN BIGGEST RAID OF DAY

LONDON, July 26 (REUTER).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT 20 GERMAN PLANES, ELEVEN BOMBERS AND NINE FIGHTERS, WERE DESTROYED YESTERDAY.

FIVE BRITISH FIGHTERS WERE LOST. THE PILOTS OF TWO ARE KNOWN TO BE SAFE.

Sky Filled With Battling Planes

LONDON, July 25 (REUTER).—HUNDREDS OF BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES FOUGHT FURIOUS BATTLES OVER THE CHANNEL TO-DAY, WHEN THE AIR WAR FLARED UP WITH NEW FIERCENESS.

Fighting lasted a long time, and at times the sky seemed to be filled with battling planes.

A.A. guns were in action along the south-east coast almost incessantly, and many bombs were dropped.

It is believed that two enemy planes at least were shot down in flames into the sea by British fighters during a raid on a convoy by over 50 dive-bombers escorted by an equal number of fighters.

The dive-bombers attacked three times. 80 PLANES ATTACK

The biggest day of raids on the south-east coast began with an attack on shipping in the Channel by 80 enemy planes, which flew over the coast at noon.

Several bombs were also dropped inland on the cliffs by the raiders, which were driven off by gunfire from the ground and fighters.

Little damage was caused and no ships were hit.

Day's Biggest Battle

The day's biggest battle was fought later when 50 dive-bombers attacked a convoy of over 20 small cargo vessels. It is believed that two German planes were shot down over the sea in the bitter combat which followed the raids.

The first warning of the dive-bombers' approach was given by the roar of A.A. guns. The bombers were seen flying on a straight course from the direction of the French coast in a high altitude, stepped up tier upon tier with fighters above them.

British Challenge

Scores of British fighters streaked across the sky to ward them off and were instantly engaged by the German fighters, while the dive-bombers circled low, seeking a position from which to hurl down in an attack on the convoy.

As they dived, watchers on the shore could see the bombs fall from the racks.

There were 27 attackers in the first wave and this was followed by another attack by a second wave of 27, which swept down in an almost perpendicular dive.

Shells burst all around the Germans as they attacked.

Daring Manoeuvre

A German squadron leader, showing greater daring than any other attackers, soared down over one of the ships in the convoy and flattened out until his machine appeared to sit astride the mast when he released his bombs.

The raiders climbed steeply back and quickly repeated the attack. Then "flaming onlons" dotted the sky around them and they fled. Fighters closed in on them while they tried to reach the cover of the clouds and after a crackle of machine-gun fire, two fell in flames into the sea.

An hour later the bombers made a third attempt on a convoy but the attack was quickly broken up.

Five Nazi Planes Down

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced: "In the TURN TO Page 2, Fourth Column

NAZI REPRISALS IN NETHERLANDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, July 25 (UP).—It has been officially announced that "several hundred" Dutch men and women, mostly colonial civil servants on leave in Holland, have been interned as a German reprisal for the internment of Germans in the Dutch colonies.

The announcement stated that those interned will be accorded the same treatment as the Germans interned and that their confinement will continue until the Germans are released and allowed to pursue their business unhindered.

It added that the number of Dutch people interned will be doubled soon and the reprisals intensified unless the Dutch Government in London and the colonial authorities change their policies.

Nazi Revenge

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—A German news agency despatch from The Hague states that several hundred Dutch colonial officials on leave, both men and women, have been sent to concentration camps because of alleged ill-treatment of German subjects in Dutch colonies.

Nazi Accusations

The Hague despatch accuses the Netherlands East Indies authorities with ill-treating Germans interned on the island of Onrust in a quarantine camp used for Mecca pilgrims.

The despatch alleges that the Germans' medical needs were provided by three Jewish doctors who are also interned.

The despatch declares that the Dutch interned in the same way as the German internees, and will remain interned until the Germans are released and allowed to pursue their ordinary occupations without interference.

Allegation Denied

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Dutch circles in London describe as baseless the German allegations of ill treatment of German internees.

Trawlers Lost In Air Attacks

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that His Majesty's trawlers, *Kingston*, *Glenn* and *Redino*, are lost as the result of enemy air attacks.

The next-of-kin of the casualties have been informed.

AIR RAID ON HAIFA

Civilian Casualties Amount To 100

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—There were about 100 civilian casualties in yesterday's half-hour air raid on Haifa, according to to-day's war communique.

The communique says that in Palestine yesterday enemy aircraft raided Haifa in the early morning and several thousand tons of kerosene and lubricating oil were set alight, but the fire was brought under control and was prevented from spreading by the afternoon.

Civilian casualties numbered about 100, but there were no military casualties.

On other fronts there is nothing to report.

LATEST

EVACUATION PETITION

We were informed this afternoon that, with the approval and support of an Unofficial member of the Legislative Council, a public petition is to be presented to the Government requesting the repatriation of all the evacuees from Manila.

Forms inviting signatures of the public are to be distributed to-morrow.

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- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
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- All entries to be either black, sepia, or tinted pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x20.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Feet	Upset Price
1	Kam Tin	100 ft. by 100 ft.	2.28	98,880	\$200
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H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) ..2.00 n.
Chartered ..0.14 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. ..20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. & ..11 1/2 n.
East Asiatic ..7 1/2 n.

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Indo-China S. ..10 n.
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Waterboats s.xd. ..0.90 n.

DOCKS ETC.
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Docks (old) ..10/10 1/2 sa.
Docks (new) ..10 sa.
Providents ..4 sa.
Sh. Docks Sh. ..20 1/2 n.

MINING
Kullian s/- ..10 1/2 n.
Rauha ..0.55 n.
H.K. Mines ..5 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels ..3.70 a.
Lands ..33 n.
Lands 4% Debentures ..100 n.
Shui Lands Sh. ..10 n.
Humphreys ..3 1/2 n.
H.K. Realties ..3 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates ..101 1/2 n.

UTILITIES
Trams ..10 sa.
Peak Trams (old) ..7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new) ..3.70 n.
Star Ferries ..57 1/2 sa.
Y. Ferries ..21 n.
China Lights (old) ..0.12 b.
China Lights (new) ..3.60 n.
H.K. Electric (old) ..37 n.
H.K. Electric (new) ..35 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (old) ..17 n.
Macao Electric (new) ..16 n.
Sandakan Lights ..11 1/4 n.
Telephones (old) ..22 1/2 sa.
Telephones (new) ..8.30 b.

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Cald: Macg. (Pref.) Sh. ..12 n.
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Cement ..15 1/2 sa.
H.K. Ropes ..4 1/4 n.

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Watsons ..8 1/4 sa.
Lane Crawfords ..7.45 n.
Sinceres ..2.60 n.
Wing On (H.K.) ..30 n.
Powell Ltd. ..1 n.

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H.K. Govt. 4% Loan ..102 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan ..93 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940) ..95 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.S.Bds. 40% ..9 n.
H. K. Entertainment ..0.00 n.
Constructions (old) ..1.00 sa.
Constructions (new) ..1 n.
Vibro Piling ..8 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/1 8/1 1/2 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- ..4/- n.

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Atok ..13 1/2 b.
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Demonstration ..005 b.
East Mindanao ..00 1/2 b.
I. X. L. ..22 1/2 b.
Ipo Gold ..Unq. Unq.
Higon Mining ..Unq. Unq.
Mambulao Cons. ..Unq. Unq.
Masbate Cons. ..Unq. Unq.
Mind. Motherlode ..Unq. Unq.
Mine Operations ..Unq. Unq.
North Camarines ..Unq. Unq.
Paracale Gamaus ..Unq. Unq.
San Mauricio ..Unq. Unq.
Surigao Cons. ..Unq. Unq.
Suyoc Cons. ..Unq. Unq.
Syndicate Invest. ..Unq. Unq.
United Paracale ..Unq. Unq.

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that Gold Coast and Nigerian troops arrived in East Africa some days ago.

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—The State Department announces that the United States Army Transport is leaving New York immediately for Palermo to remove stranded Americans.

LETTERS

Monthly Donation To War Fund

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."
Sir,—From July to December, 1940, I shall subscribe \$50 per month to the War Fund.
Herewith cheque to cover the months of July and August.
If the evencees return, I shall increase the amount to \$150 per month.

HARIRAM,
Hariram Silk Store.

SEVERE NAZI AIR LOSSES

Germany is beginning to lack trained reserves.

Drive For Pilots
The official German news agency to-day announced that a campaign to encourage German youths to volunteer in the air force and anti-aircraft defences will soon be started.

The age of these youths is not stated but the crews of German planes shot down in England have included boys of 16 and 17 years of age.

One result has been that the Germans have been considerably hampered in their attempts to organise mass attacks from aerodromes in Holland, Belgium and France and from the bases they had hoped to establish in Norway.

1,700 PERISHED IN TROOPSHIP

France and was sunk by a German motor torpedo boat.

The Melnes had French colours painted on both sides and was fully illuminated with a searchlight trained on the French ensign.

At 10.30 p.m. the Officer of the watch on the bridge of the Melnes heard motor engines and saw the wake of a vessel.

The Melnes came under machine-gun fire almost immediately and her whistle to indicate that she had stopped, and made the signal "Who are You?"

No Reply To Signal
No reply was made to this signal and the Melnes thereupon flashed her name and nationality several times.

The machine-gunning continued and was followed by heavier fire from a small calibre gun, which holed and rendered unseaworthy the port lifeboats.

At 10.55 p.m. the Melnes was hit by a torpedo and she sank some minutes later.

Of about 1,000 survivors rescued by the British naval forces and landed in this country, 120 officers and 41 men are in hospital and the others are being cared for in naval establishments.

There is now reason to believe that other survivors may have made for the French coast.

GERMANS LOSE 20 PLANES

course of a series of attempted attacks on shipping off the south-east and south-west coasts to-day, four enemy aircraft have been shot down by R.A.F. fighters and anti-aircraft guns.

A fifth enemy aircraft was shot down by R.A.F. fighters off the north-east coast of Scotland this morning.

Nine Raiders Down
LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communique says that it is now confirmed that four more enemy aircraft, in addition to those already announced, making a total of nine in all, have been shot down to-day by R.A.F. fighters.

POST OFFICE

INWARD MAILS

Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard
Shanghai ..July 26
Canton ..July 27
Japan ..July 27
U.S.A., and Manila—(San Francisco date, 1st July) ..July 27.

OUTWARD MAILS
Friday, July 26
Straits, Ceylon, India, South Africa, and United Kingdom.
K.P.O.
Parcels ..3.00 p.m.
Reg. ..3.00 p.m.
Ord. ..3.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Parcels ..3.00 p.m.
Reg. ..5.00 p.m.
Ord. ..7.00 p.m.

Shanghai and Japan ..7.00 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta ..July 27

Parcels ..10.30 a.m.
Letters ..11.30 a.m.

Shanghai ..1 p.m.
Bangkok ..1.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island ..1.30 p.m.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. ..2.45 p.m.
Ord. ..3.30 p.m.

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta ..3.30 p.m.

U. S. A. Central and South America, Canada and United Kingdom via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada). Note—All Mail for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Par. ..4.00 p.m.
Reg. ..5.00 p.m.
Ord. ..5.30 p.m.

*Superscribed Correspondence Only.

HON. MR. M. K. LO AND EVACUATION

of the numerous complaints which reached me I felt strongly that it was not only in fairness to those who laid the complaints but also to Dean Wilson and Mr. Houston that an inquiry by Government should be held.

I did not prejudice the matter in any way and the last thing I would do would be to "condemn" people before they had an opportunity of being heard.

I hope that this public statement will make my position clear, that I myself make no accusation against anybody, and that I gladly accept what Dean Wilson told me. But I still say that in their interests as well as in the interests of those who had complained, Government should hold an inquiry and publish their findings.

M. K. Lo.

Thefts Reported

Mr. H. A. Taylor, of the Imports and Exports Department, had a rattan basket containing tennis kit stolen from his car, parked outside the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday.

A radiator cap was stolen from car No. 3057, belonging to Mr. E. V. de Souza, when it was left outside No. 232 Nathan Road, Kowloon, yesterday.

India May Appoint Trade Envoys

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The All-India radio says that the Indian Government are considering a proposal to appoint Trade Commissioners in Australia and South Africa.

Efforts are also being made to expand trade with North and East Africa.

Mrs. W. N. Fleming, of 81 Kimberley Road, Kowloon, reported to the Police yesterday that sometime during Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, someone stole money and jewellery to the value of \$101.20 from a wardrobe in the ground floor of the residence.

TALLINN, July 26 (Reuter).—It is announced that the Estonian Minister to London has been dismissed from his post.

BRITAIN EXTENDS NAVAL BLOCKADE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, July 25 (UP).—Great Britain which is under almost constant German air attacks, appeared to-day to be extending her naval blockade against Germany and Italy to all of Western Europe and north-western Africa.

No official statement has been made in London with regard to the authoritative indications that the blockade must be made to apply to Spain, conquered France, Portugal and certain African ports in order to achieve the objective—cutting off supplies from the Nazi and Fascist war machines.

However, political circles reported that Mr. Dalton was prepared to announce the extension of the blockade until the postponement of his scheduled statement in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Whether, in view of the British efforts to maintain normal relations with Spain the extension will be formally announced later, is uncertain but there are strong indications that in any event, determined efforts will be made to prevent goods from being re-shipped to Germany.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING
T.T. London ..1/2 1/2
Demand London ..1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai ..370
T.T. Singapore ..62 1/2
T.T. Japan ..62 1/2
T.T. India ..62 1/2
T.T. U.S.A. ..23 1/2
T.T. Manila ..40 1/2
T.T. Batavia ..43 1/2
T.T. Bangkok ..140 1/2
T.T. Saigon ..108
T.T. France ..Nom.
T.T. Switzerland ..100
T.T. Australia ..1/60 1/2

BUYING
4 m/s L/C London ..1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London ..1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. ..24 1/2
4 m/s France ..Nom.
30 d/s India ..84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. ..3.85 1/2

New "Mustn't" For Nazi Public

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The German public has been forbidden to listen to German broadcasts from transmitting stations in German-occupied territories and controlled by German authorities, according to the Dutch "Anep" news agency.

Severe penalties, including imprisonment, are threatened against violators of this new order, the agency adds.

PUNISHMENT FOR WAR CRIMES

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Clement Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, announced that there will be a secret session on foreign affairs next Tuesday.

Sentences up to 14 years penal servitude for certain offences against the State are covered by an Order-in-Council issued in London to-day.

The crimes include communication with enemy agents, illegal signalling to ships or aircraft entering or leaving the country at unauthorised ports.

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Re-Embarkation Delayed

Private cable advice received in Hongkong this morning indicates that the first batch of Service evacuees in Manila will not now sail for Australia until August 3.

Yesterday it was reported that they would depart from Manila at 9 a.m. on July 29.

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Reconciliation and the possibility of feeling that "government has got what it deserved" must not, however, blind us to the fact that there are certain aspects of Evacuation which we must support, however intolerable the conditions they impose upon us may seem. The War Cabinet may be expected to know what is best for our destinies. It is inconceivable that evacuation of a section of the community has been ordered at the whim of an official in Whitehall, especially in view of Government's revelation that the Imperial Government is in possession of full knowledge of the disruption of human life and serious disturbance to the economic well-being of the people such evacuation has entailed. We would like to express an analogy which, although not exact, may indicate one of the reasons prompting the evacuation. In the civilising mission to China, the Emperor the fact that King Hankan and Queen Maud evacuated the countess and are now directing the war from London. There is no census on Queen Wilhelmina, Princess Beatrix and the two little Dutch Princesses for deserting the Netherlands to find refuge in London. The latter three to seek sanctuary in Canada. Every Briton would express relief, in the knowledge that Nazi blitzkrieg may bring death and destruction to his motherland, the thought that the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret have escaped to the Dominions. The people are no more blood-related to us than are our wives and children to Whitehall officials. But Hongkong we accept the evacuees from their own countries of Norway and Holland. We would not have accepted and similar circumstances the evacuation from our own Motherland of British Royalty, because we realise that their presence is of greater danger to our country than their absence. Had the Royal families of Norway and Holland remained at the helm, determined as captives, to go down with the ship (we quote our eminent morning contemporary) then surely the ships of Norway and the Netherlands would have foundered. It has but the Nazi's strenuous efforts by the Nazis to capture the Royal families of our two Allies become aware of the danger their continued presence in their own countries would have meant. Truly their people are in bondage but the people are not. We have the knowledge that unlike the Belgians, the rulers, to whom they owe

of the empire, but it may be lost; and more than 1,500 war vessels and auxiliary craft which fifty-eight have been lost. Allied Fleet has been reinforced the active co-operation of the Norwegian and Dutch naval forces.

"Oh I feel grand, dear . . . I just finished telling that instalment collector what I thought of him!"

How the NEW WORLD was won

A historian sat down, in British Empire. It might have June, 2040, to write the been. Nearly, it was.

most vital chapter in the history of mankind. For while, filled with a simple faith, an island people rose from their slumbersome stupidity and assembled their latent might, a few disgruntled politicians still plotted for power.

It retailed how, because Sir John Simon, a Foreign Minister of Britain, cynically rejected, at the Disarmament Conference, the claims of a democratic Germany to equality, under the League Covenant, "in terms of disarmament or rearmament," the delegates returned to a country which, humiliated, folk who, fearful of their fortunes and clinging on to their dead privileges, would again have sought to placate the enemy of all mankind.

There was also a gang of treacherous journalists who, despite the swirl, went on wasting time, rewriting formulas, making indents, altering phrases in orders still using, even in emergency, the dilatory ways of Peace.

He read, then, what he had written on scores of pages—how the Germans turned, in despair, to a braggart house-painter named Hitler, who had written in a book called "Mein Kampf" how he would avenge the country of his adoption.

YOU can guess the rest of it: He wrote how, when others might only have despaired, Britain became a great arsenal, how the men toiled and the women slaved—to save their land from a ruthless foe.

How, one day; when the house-painter, having become Boss, had grabbed one country and another was threatened, timorous statesmen, flattering his cruelty and ruthlessness,

How, even when he broke his plighted word and enslaved another country, these same frightened folk tried to

How the house-painter then invaded another land and crushed it, while two proud allies could not help.

How then, in ten short weeks, the self - enthroned house-painter, doing nearly all that he had prophesied, grabbed yet another country and conquered four others, reducing them to the distant countryside their aged and their sick.

"We shall defend our island whatever the cost may be," they said, speaking through their Premier, the first Commoner.

"We shall fight on the beaches. We shall fight on the landing-

"THOSE chapters crowd into a few months," said the historian, "more tragedy, more despair, more horror than were

"Never was man so blind. Never was man so stupid."

"I have written down the Calvary of half Europe and how darkness descended upon the

THEN, his eyes bedewed by the thought of all the suffering that millions had endured, the

historian took up his pen again. . . . He read, once more, the title, "The Battle of Britain," and began to write.

NO, it was not the story of the decline and fall of the

DEBATE ON BUDGET

Effect Of New Taxes On Big Incomes

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—On resumption of the debate on the Budget in the House of Commons to-day, Sir George Broadbridge said that the city of London would approve the Chancellor's proposals and give them support.

Control Of Production
Mr. Clement Davis, Independent Member, discussing the problem of filling the gap between revenue and expenditure, said that the Budget was not enough, and it was no more than a few bricks when a whole wall was wanted to fill the gap. The main solution must come through the control of production.

All labour and capital, equipment, stocks and materials not required for the maintenance of the standard of living necessary for health and morale must be used for defence purposes.

Production of non-essential goods should be prohibited and the expenditure on essentials rationed, and the tremendous surplus capacity thus created must be employed by the State in war production or exports.

Mr. A. P. Herbert, in a characteristically humorous speech protested against the tax on books.

Government Replies
Mr. Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replying, said that comments from the United States and the Dominions showed that outsiders were impressed not only by the size of the budget but also by the way his speech was received, showing as it did the determination of the British people to defend the country.

Mr. Crookshank pointed out that while a year ago half a single man's income was taken from him if his taxable income was £17,000, now half would be taken at approximately £5,500.

What was left to the taxpayer now was in practically every case, half of what was left last July.

For example, in the case of an income of £25,000, what was left last July after the deduction of all taxation was just under £12,000, but now the amount left was just under £8,000.

Intensifying Blockade

New Measures To Be Adopted

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" lobby correspondent states that Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister for Economic Warfare, is expected to announce in the House of Commons next Tuesday a more comprehensive check on goods which may be intended for the enemy or that constitute enemy exports.

It is believed that the blockade will be simplified by the extension of the navigable system over a very much wider area than at present.

Facilitating Neutral Trade
This would have the effect of facilitating neutral trade while releasing naval forces for other duties. Under the new scheme, vessels are likely to find that approach to many ports hitherto free or exit from such ports carrying enemy exports will be difficult unless a navicert has been obtained in advance.

Protection Not Wanted

Netherlands Reply To U.S. Proposal

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Dutch circles in London state that the Netherlands' diplomatic representatives in American States have been instructed to explain the attitude of the Government towards the proposal to establish a joint protectorate over its possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

They are of the opinion that the proposal does not apply to the Netherlands since the Netherlands Government, far from being under German influence, is exercising full and independent authority over the non-occupied parts of the kingdom.

Independence For Brittany Promised

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The German radio has broadcast a statement by the "Breton National Council" declaring that after the war, Brittany would be organised as a national state independent of France.

The statement referred to the "great understanding of the needs of the people of Brittany" shown by Germany in appointing a governor for the province. It declares that "for 400 years the people of France have denied us the right of self-determination."

NAZI CLAIMS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—A Berlin High Command communiqué claims that "one of our speedboats south of Portland sank a large armed enemy merchant ship of 18,000 tons by torpedo."

The communiqué also claims that industrial plants in various parts of the United Kingdom and an aircraft factory at Weybridge were bombed. It adds: "The total enemy losses yesterday were 10 planes. Six of our own planes are missing."

Cuba's Plan For Colonies In New World

To Become Republics Or Be Annexed

HAVANA, July 25 (Reuter).—Against the United States plan for a collective mandate, the Cuban delegation at the Pan-American Conference is urging that where action is necessary, the colonies of European belligerents in the New World should be temporarily entrusted to the care of a neighbouring nation to be agreed on by the Conference.

Under the proposal, the colonies are to be absolutely free to decide whether they wished to set themselves up as new republics, or be annexed by another American nation.

Checking Propaganda
The various plans for checking attempts inspired from abroad to establish "unacceptable" systems of government in the Americas do not include military measures, but one proposal calls for curbing of privileges enjoyed by diplomatic and consular representatives.

The formulation of economic measures to curb foreign influence in the New World will, it is believed, be postponed until the delegates meet at Washington.

R.A.F. Carry On Despite Bad Weather

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communiqué says that heavy rain, thunder storms and severe icing conditions hampered our bomber operations last night.

Despite this, docks at Emden, Wilhelmshaven and Hamburg, aircraft factories at Wismar and Wenden and seaplane bases at Horkum and Texel were attacked.

All our aircraft returned safely.

MR. BUTLER AND BURMA ROAD

Evasive Reply To Commons Question

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Labourite, Mr. J. Morgan, asked in the House of Commons to-day if the decision to close the Burma Road to our supplies for China was subject to revision in the event of Japan disapproving the British Government, as further encroachment on British interests or prestige in the Far East during the period over which the agreement operates.

Mr. R. Butler, the Foreign Under-Secretary, in a written reply, said: "I have no reason to suppose that the hypothesis contemplated by Mr. Morgan represents the intention of the Japanese Government. I am consequently not in a position to make a statement."

U.S. AMBULANCES FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Minister of Health, has accepted the first part of a fleet of 200 motorised ambulances, surgical units and first-aid posts presented by the American Ambulance to Great Britain for use among civilian casualties caused by air raids.

The vehicles will be driven by the Women Transport Service.

NIGHT HAUNTS TO BE CONTROLLED

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Wide powers to deal with bottle parties and other night haunts, which are considered undesirable, are contained in a new defence regulation.

The Police throughout the country are empowered to close offending premises altogether or between certain hours.

Oil Shipments To Spain Held Up

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, declared that two shipments of oil to Spain were stopped because the cargoes appeared to be destined for Germany and Italy.

He declared that the action had no relation with the reports that Britain is trying to prevent oil from reaching Germany through Spain.

THE WAR FUND

Despite a falling-off in donations to the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., the total is mounting steadily. Yesterday just over \$600 was subscribed, and the total by afternoon was \$1,298,811.17.

Latest donations:

G. C. W. 500
All Banks, the Chinese Company, Hongkong Police Reserve (1st monthly contribution) 200
Messrs. Harriman's Silk Store (July and August) 100

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Treasury announced that an agreement has been signed between the Government, fixing the exchange rate between the Guinean and Surinam (Dutch West Indies) guilder and pound sterling at 7.00 guilders to the pound.

Goering Helps Our Red Cross

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Goering has helped the British Red Cross financially.

No, he has not gone generous or anything, but 350 guineas were raised in London to-day by auction of two books formerly owned by the Field Marshal.

Both are heavily marked with a blue pencil by his own little hand.

One of the books is entitled "Secrets of the Elders of Zion."

3,000 AIRCRAFT A MONTH

American Pledge To British Govt.

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau stated to-day that the United States has pledged "every facility" to enable the British Government to buy 3,000 aircraft a month in addition to the huge orders previously placed.

The new arrangements would require the construction of new factories and the British have promised to pay for these factories and their output.

The Treasury and the War and Navy Departments were in complete agreement on this commitment.

The production members of the Defence Committee, Mr. Signius Knudsen, he said, would work out the details.

Plenty Of Money
The new factories would give the United States capacity to build far in excess of the 50,000 aircraft annually, as mentioned by President Roosevelt in his defence message on May 15.

Remarking that "the British seem to have plenty of money," Mr. Morgenthau added: "The sums involved are colossal."

He declared that the British authorities proposed immediate action so that they could meet the delivery of 3,000 aircraft a month during 1941 and 1942.

U.S. MOVE APPROVED

Control Of Scrap Metal Export

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—The placing of petroleum and scrap metal on the list of goods for which export licences are required has caused considerable satisfaction in circles interested in Far Eastern affairs.

These circles are surprised that they were not included in the earlier list.

Whatever the motivating factor, it is felt that the Administration's action, plus the stoppage of tankers going to Spain, strikes a blow, whether intentionally or otherwise, for the democracies and against aggressors.

Roosevelt's Interests
It is felt also by some observers to be an indication that the President, now that more urgent domestic matters culminating in the Party Convention are past, is again devoting more attention to foreign affairs in line with his known feelings as expressed at Charlottesville and in his acceptance speech.

Washington has been reading with interest the statement of Prince Konoye which is taken here to indicate that Japan will play safe and act cautiously in international affairs, and that the recent strong German persuasive efforts in Tokyo have not been successful.

Not Surprising
Prince Konoye's attitude causes little surprise here. In Washington rather a lower value is usually placed than in London on Japanese claims and alleged intentions to act drastically.

Apart from the much debated point as to whether there is any moderate element in Japan, Washington believes there is still much division within Japan—important elements pulling in different directions, however similar their ultimate objectives—and that unfaction, which will provide the totalitarian necessity of instant, unthinking obedience to one single political head of the State, has not yet arrived in Japan.

KING CAUGHT IN AIR RAID

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King spent ten minutes in an underground shelter to-day when an air raid started. He had just finished inspecting new extensions to some big barracks on the south coast.

The men and boys whom His Majesty had been inspecting immediately marched in orderly fashion to the shelter.

The King, with the Admiral Commanding-in-Chief entered his car, drove slowly to shelter, cheered by marching men as the car passed them.

Italy Wants Palestine

Assistance Of The Vatican Sought

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—According to a report reaching the Jewish telegraphic agency, a campaign has been launched in the Italian Press, suggesting that the inclusion of Palestine in the Italian Empire is one of Italy's war aims.

The Italian Government are reporting to be seeking to induce the Vatican to demand a "Catholic Holy Land."

Detailed Plan

The "Tribuna" publishes a detailed plan for the administration of Palestine after the war on lines similar to Albania.

The newspaper proposes that Jews shall be evacuated from Palestine in mass, and says that the Jewish problem can only be solved by new dispersals of Jews to sparsely populated territories.

Theft From R.A.S.C.

Cool Work By Gang Of Chinese

A cool theft was effected by a gang of Chinese who hired a motor lorry, entered the Royal Army Service Corps Camber, and took away 21 large iron girders, valued at \$500, on Wednesday. One of them was later arrested, and appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison said the girders were from the old aerial roadway in Victoria Barracks, which the military authorities were dismantling. The girders were stored in the R.A.S.C. Camber. On Wednesday, R.A.S.C. Camber, 31, and seven others engaged a motor lorry, drove into the Camber, loaded the girders and left. During the time they were in the Camber, however, a coolie employed there recognize the men as not being employees of the military, and reported the matter to the police.

Opium Divan Arrest
The Police were informed and traced the lorry driver, who gave certain information, as a result of which the girders were discovered in an alleyway off Stanley Street in the city. Chau was arrested in an opium divan.

Defendant declared he had merely been asked by the men with whom he had gone to take the girders to hire the lorry for them.

Remarking that it was possible Chau was telling the truth, the Magistrate ordered a remand until Monday to enable the Police to make further investigations.

Audacious Attempt To Steal Fails

Walking audaciously into the Wine Department of Gilman and Company, Tsai Kam-po, 45, unemployed, helped himself to three bottles of Beehive brandy from a shelf and then made for the door, but he was seen by Mr. C. de S. Robertson, the manager, who ran after him. Tsai was arrested by a watchman.

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning he pleaded guilty to the theft, and returning to the Colony after he had been expelled for five years.

Four months' hard labour was imposed.

FREE-FOR-ALL AT CHEUNG CHAU

A free-for-all fight in Tai Shan Street, Cheung Chau Island, on Tuesday evening, resulted in the admission of three of the participants to hospital.

Lam Foo, 32, hawker, and Ma Yee, 42, shop assistant, were admitted to Queen Mary Hospital with head injuries. Ma in addition suffered a chopper wound to the left arm. Leung Shing, 18, was admitted to the Haw Par Hospital on the Island, with head injuries.

The reason for the brawl is not known, but weapons of various descriptions were used, and the fight did not cease until Police arrived.

NAZI-TURKISH TRADE PACT

ANKARA, July 25 (Reuter).—A trade agreement signed to-day between Turkey and Germany provides for an exchange of goods to the value of 21,000,000 Turkish pounds.

In Order

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—It is pointed out here that the Ankara agreement is in complete harmony with the political undertakings of the Turkish Government, which do not exclude trade relations with Germany.

Prof. R. Robertson, of Hongkong University, reported to the Police yesterday that sometime between midnight and 9 a.m. someone entered the University animal house and stole a rabbit and three guinea pigs.

CHAOTIC INDUSTRY

Petroleum Concerns Face Bankruptcy

MEXICO CITY, July 25 (Reuter).—President Cardenas has ordered the Labour Union leaders to carry out drastic re-organization of the Mexico petroleum industry within a week.

A chaotic financial situation has developed in the industry since the foreign oil companies were expropriated two years ago.

Loss Of Markets
The reasons for this include the loss of European markets, labour demands exceeding those at the time of the expropriation and insufficient tankers even for minimum exports.

In addition, the Government has had to sink additional capital, amounting to about 100,000,000 pesos in the industry in order to meet maintenance costs.

Experienced observers declare that in re-organising the industry, the number of workers must be reduced, wages must be heavily cut, and holidays shortened by half.

Workers, while expressing willingness to co-operate to save the industry, claim that the present situation is entirely due to the incompetence of the management.

Alexandria Raided

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—A naval communiqué says that Alexandria was raided by a small number of aircraft in the early hours of to-day.

A few bombs, including incendiary bombs, were dropped indiscriminately, causing only minor damage. One person was killed and seven were injured.

ITALIAN LOSSES IN LIBYA

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—An Italian military communiqué to-day gave the names of 55 officers and men killed in Libya up to July 15.

They included a colonel and a lieutenant-colonel of the General Staff.

Thirty-one more were killed on the French front.

Earlier lists gave the names of nearly 1,200 dead or missing.

Another Italian communiqué announced that an Italian submarine has failed to return to its base. Presumably this is one of the 14 sunk by the Royal Navy and our aircraft in the Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean.

WHEAT FOR SPAIN

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced in London that exchange notes were signed on July 24 between the Portuguese, Spanish and British Governments regarding the acquisition by Spain of wheat for her own use and of Portuguese colonial products.

To facilitate payments for the latter, Britain has agreed that purchases to the value of £500,000 can be paid through Anglo-Spanish clearing.

Rumanians Arrest Frenchmen

BUCHAREST, July 25 (Reuter).—Nine French managers and technicians employed in the Rumanian oil industry were arrested by the Rumanian Police to-day.

All were mentioned in the recent Nazi White Book alleging an Allied plot to sabotage the Rumanian oil industry.

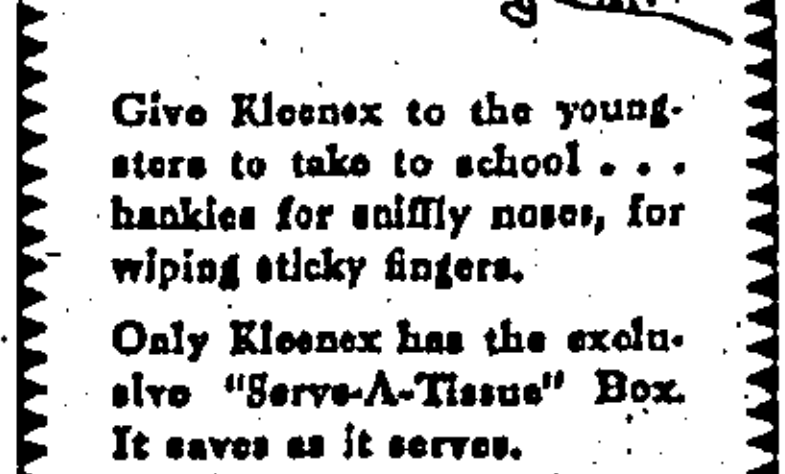
Rumanian Ministers Meet Hitler

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—Rome Radio states that the Rumanian Ministers, M. Gurgut (Prime Minister) and M. Manolescu (Foreign Minister), have arrived at Salzburg, where Hitler and Count Ciano received them.

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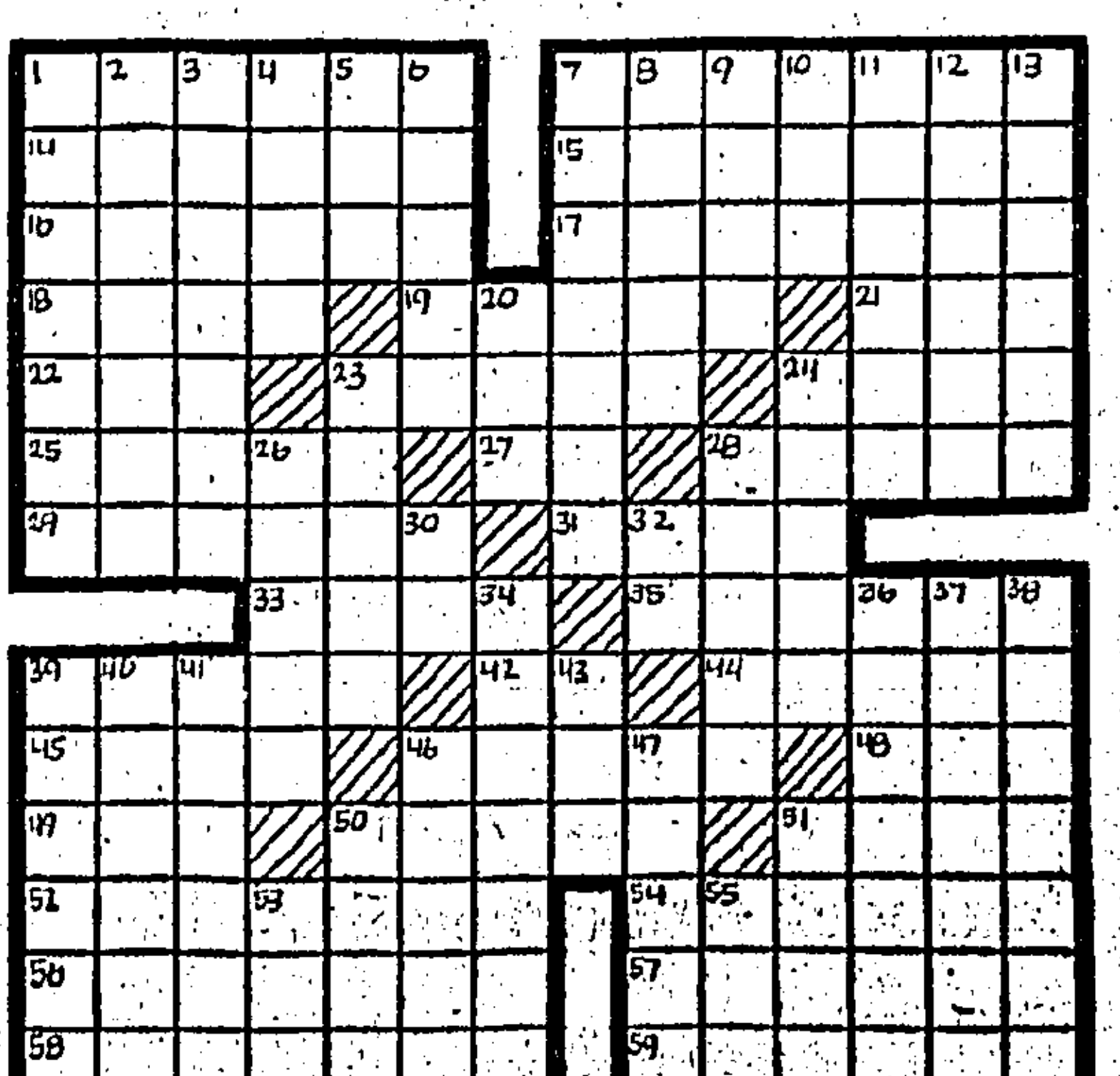
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Discovers
- 2—Method of operations
- 3—Mirage
- 4—Fence
- 5—Ears light to
- 6—Made of burnt clay
- 7—Arrivals lobby
- 8—Unmolested flock
- 9—Unit of work
- 10—Go to right
- 11—Yield
- 12—Source of wood
- 13—Ancient Upper Egypt
- 14—Country in Asia
- 15—Projecting piece of
- 16—Secured in dishonest way
- 17—Heaven
- 18—Reclamation
- 19—Artificially snubbed
- 20—Fruit
- 21—Fruit for "and"
- 22—French governed country in Asia
- 23—Naked
- 24—System of specific gravity units for
- 25—That thing is
- 26—Writing inscribed on lead
- 27—Music in slow time
- 28—One of Hawaiian Islands
- 29—Place of birth
- 30—Hill of drum

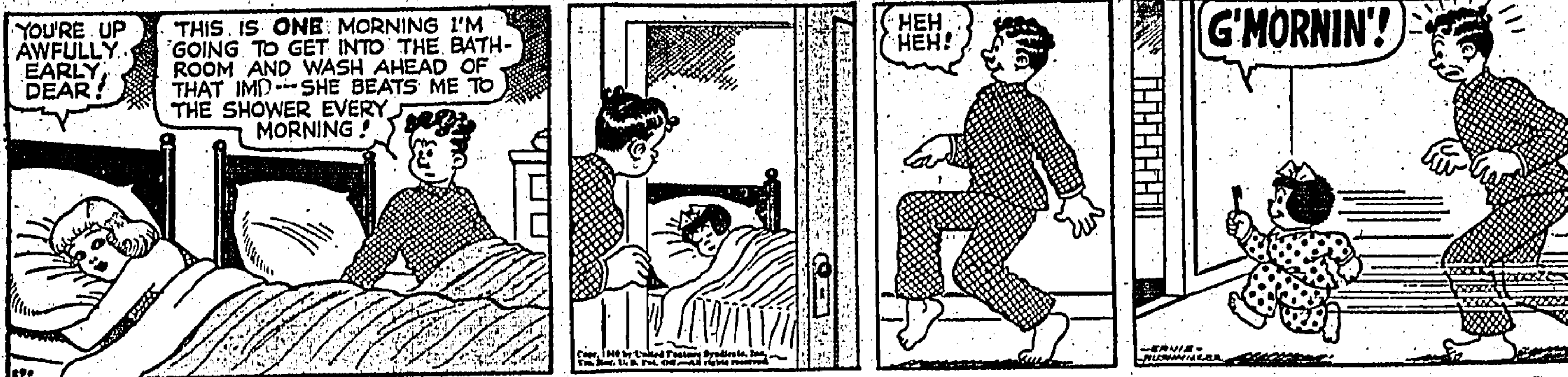
DOWN

- 1—Becomes impaired
- 2—Peak of Himalayas
- 3—Myndane
- 4—Plant producing
- 5—Gover
- 6—German people's
- 7—Go in advance of
- 8—Mexican coins
- 9—Monster
- 10—Pine
- 11—Pertaining to upper
- 12—Combining form: solid
- 13—Leader of birth-control movement
- 14—Others poem
- 15—Girl's name
- 16—Pertaining to stannum
- 17—Bird of prey
- 18—Metrical composition
- 19—Steamship (abbr.)
- 20—Noise of scale
- 21—Underlakers' vehicles
- 22—Daughter of Minos
- 23—Exclaiming in name
- 24—Most comfortable
- 25—Metrical
- 26—Ornate meadows
- 27—Steamship with men
- 28—Trey (French)
- 29—Residence (abbr.)



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



German Rumour Drive Sweeps America

ADOLF HITLER is still frightened to death by the United States of America.

He and his ally Mussolini scoff at America's chance of aiding the British Empire in its fight for immediate survival and eventual victory, but actually they are convinced that American aid, even short of war, can prolong the European war into the dark winter that faces the dictatorships.

This is what they are most anxious to avoid.

So Dr. Goebbels has obviously been told to go to work on America.

Germany's psychologists believe that if America can be convinced that it will only be sharing in Britain's defeat if it goes to war on Britain's side, then some one in America will soon start tugging at the skirts of Hitler's toga to make friends with him before it is too late.

That accounts for the number of stories that have emanated from Berlin lately.

GIRLS MAKE MUNITIONS



No days off in Britain. Munitions factories operate seven days a week to speed supply of war materials to embattled Allies. This view is in factory somewhere in England, where women turn out shells and bombs.

V. A. D. Finds Soldier Son in Her Hospital

Son in Her Hospital

A VOLUNTEER Red Cross nurse on duty at a hospital where wounded soldiers were arriving was surprised to find her soldier son among the patients.

But he was not wounded. He had scarlet fever.

And because she came into contact with him for a few moments she had to go off duty and into quarantine.

Graphic stories were told by some of the wounded men who arrived at this hospital, which is at Rubery, Birmingham.

"We are all lucky to have got out of that hell alive," said an R.A.M.C. private. "I remember seeing a stretcher bearer while they carried the wounded."

A twenty-four-year-old sergeant pilot, whose face was masked because of the burns he received after crashing, told how he attacked six Messerschmitts single-handed.

"I was scrapping with one machine and had brought him down," he said, "when six Messerschmitts dived down on me."

"For half an hour I was hopping in and out of trees and over hedges, firing at them as best I could. My rear-gunner was shot and my ammunition exhausted and the six of them still stuck to me."

"I got a shell through my engine and down I went. The machine burst into flames. It was like an inferno and it was impossible to get to my gun. I tried, but was blinded by the flames."

"This is the only thing I managed to recover from the machine."

It was a photograph of his young wife and thirteen-month-old baby girl.

Evacuation Helpers Urgently Wanted

THE L.C.C. is to make every effort to move London school-children successfully should the Government order further evacuation, and volunteers for this service are urgently required.

Mr. E. M. Rich, Education Officer, points out that one essential is a generous supply of responsible adults to act as escorts. Travelling and overnight expenses will be paid by the Government.

The council would also welcome offers of help from volunteer drivers with their own cars or motor-cycles, mainly for liaison work in London during the six days taken up by the evacuation scheme.

A mileage rate will be paid to cover scheme.

A mileage rate will be paid to cover expenses.

More offers of assistance are needed from women willing to give help to the billeting authorities in the reception areas, particularly those with domestic experience or with knowledge of nursing or social work.

Will Get Free Board

Such helpers are entitled to a Government billet with food board and lodging and, in addition, the Government have authorised a small weekly payment to cover out-of-pocket expenses for those who would not otherwise be in a position to offer their services.

Volunteers should write at once to the Education Officer (N.V.), The County Hall, S.E.1, or to the Evacuation Officer of any Metropolitan evacuation areas adjoining the County of London.

Volunteers may also enrol through Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence.

POPE SEES AMBASSADOR

Vatican City, July 25. The Pope to-day gave a private audience to the United States Ambassador, to Brussels, Mr. John Cudahy.—United Press.

Captured German Won Sweep

A sixpenny sweepstake organised by the crew of one of our submarines which had just torpedoed a German ship, was won by the German captain, whom they had taken prisoner.

The crew had a wager as to what time they would pass a well-known landmark on their way home, and the captain of the submarine lent the German captain sixpence to take part.

As the winner was being marched off the submarine as a prisoner, flinging the prize-money in his pockets, one of the British sailors exclaimed: "Gorblimey, I don't call that playing cricket. I call it tennis."

WOMEN IN NEW SWISS GUARD

THE Swiss General Staff has announced the formation of a Home Guard for all Swiss cities, towns and villages as a defence against Fifth Column activities or parachute invaders.

It is believed that the guard will include all soldiers on leave from active service, and all youths, women and old men possessing rifles.

DROVE COLONEL—FREE TO EXCEED LIMIT

POLICE have orders not to stop Service men wearing uniform and on duty for speeding offences. It was stated at Eastleigh (Hants) recently, when a summons against Private Ronald Sweeting, stationed at Southampton, for exceeding the 30 m.p.h. speed limit was dismissed, although the offence was committed

before the introduction of the order.

Sweeting was alleged to have driven a 20 h.p. Army car at 46-48 m.p.h. through a built-up area. An Army officer told the Court that the private was driving his colonel on urgent business.

Two other Service men stopped in uniform, but on leave, were fined 10s. each at the same court for speeding offences.

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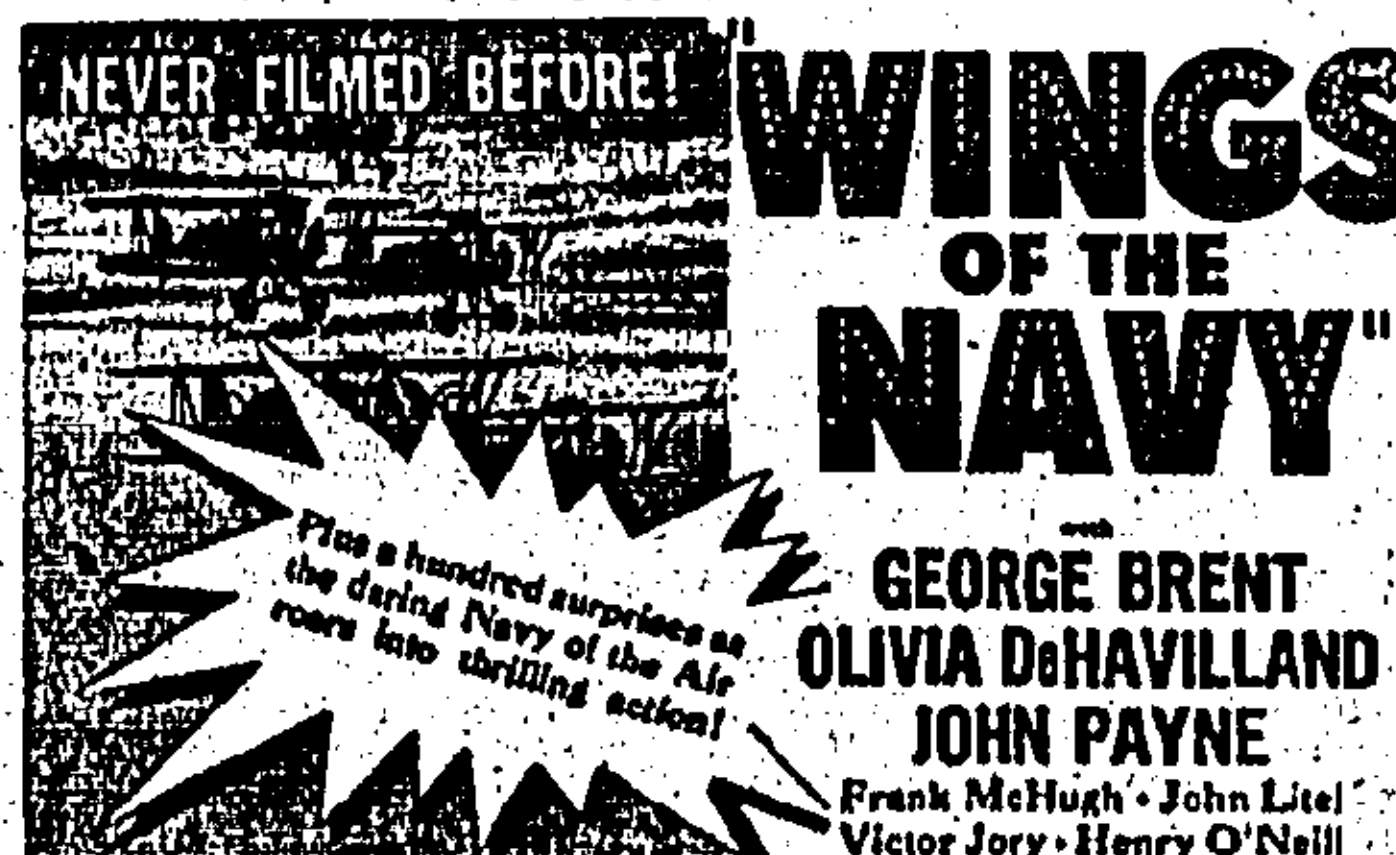
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GERMAN BRUTALITY

Press Comment On Meknes Sinking

LONDON, July 26, (Reuter).—Commenting on the sinking by a German torpedo boat of the French liner Meknes, the "Times" says:

"In itself it is another example of the callous German brutality at sea regardless of who is the victim of the moment; but it is also specially designed to demonstrate to France that she must expect from her conqueror neither good faith nor justice but only contempt and carelessness of what happens to her sons, it could hardly have been planned otherwise. There could be no more convincing demonstration of the evil against which we fight or of the need to continue the struggle without cease until it is conquered."

Nazis Latest Infamy

The "Daily Telegraph" describes the action as Germany's latest infamy in its campaign of indiscriminate murder at sea and adds: "French soldiers abroad are threatened by the Nazis with the persecution of their families if they remain to continue the fight, yet when they attempt to return home they find themselves sunk at sight on the high seas."

The "Daily Express" says that the Nazi torpedo boat deliberately murdered Frenchmen on their way home. France is no longer at war with Germany but that did not matter.

R.A.F. RAID LIBYA

Fifty Enemy Planes Bombed At Derna

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—R.A.F. headquarters announce that a highly successful raid was carried out today by Blenheim bombers on Derna in Libya.

Over 50 enemy fighters and bombers were found on the ground. All our bombs fell among them causing considerable damage.

A fighter patrol of five Gladiators protecting the return of our bombers encountered seven enemy fighters and shot down five into the sea.

All our aircraft returned safely. The R.A.F. also announce that the fighter reported missing in the communiqué earlier to-day has been found and the pilot is safe.

Five Italians Shot Down

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that R.A.F. fighters shot down five Italian fighters into the sea off Libya. There were no British casualties.

Extradition Sought

Alleged Sale Of Narcotics In U.S.

Extradition proceedings against a Chinese for the alleged unlawful sale, distribution and importation of narcotics into the United States were instituted before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The man, Lew Kim-yuen, alias Yee Suey-pat, alias Jew Siew, 43, unemployed, of Tai Shan district, was charged with the unlawful sale and distribution of opium, unlawful importation and sale of morphine and unlawful receipt and sale of opium dress (Yuen-shee) within the jurisdiction of the State of Oregon in the United States of America.

Chief Detective-Inspector M. Murphy said he had instructions to ask for a week's formal remand. Lew, who expressed no objection, was accordingly remanded.

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The English newspaper, "Palestine Post" of Jerusalem, has opened a fund for the purchase of fighter planes. At the first day, £2,800 had been subscribed.

R. A. F. Stronger Than Before The Blitzkrieg

By GEORGE THOMAS

BRITAIN'S Air Force is to-day stronger than ever, despite the great part it has played in the recent battles and the losses it has suffered.



The American Ambassador to France, William C. Bullitt, is hated by the Nazis for his outspoken comments over recent years. He is remaining in France as U.S. minister to the Petain Government.

Child Sits on the Bench

JUDGE and child smiled confidently at one another when eleven-year-old Doris Kooyman, of Crossway, Dagenham, Essex, sat close to Mr. Justice Stable on the bench in the King's Bench Division, to give evidence in a personal injuries claim on behalf of an eight-year-old girl friend.

Doris said that with her friend, Joan May Holmville, she was standing on the pavement in Bennett's Castle, Dagenham, one evening in March, 1939, when Joan began to cross the road and was knocked down by a car owned by Mr. Frederick Harold Archer, of Baron-road, Chadwell Heath.

Through her father, Mr. Edward George Holmville, of Mossford-road, Bow, London, E. Joan claimed damages from Mr. Archer.

Mr. Holmville said Joan still had to wear a skull cap to cover a long scar, which looked like a parting of the hair. She had no recollection of the accident.

Mr. Archer denied the negligence alleged. He pleaded that Joan suddenly dashed into the road without looking to see if traffic was approaching.

He thought she was trying to retrieve a marble she had dropped. Her head struck the handle of the car door.

Mr. Justice Stable entered judgment for Mr. Archer, with costs.

PANAMA CANAL PANIC

Wild Accident Rumours Alarm Residents

Panama, July 25. The entire isthmus is in a high state of nervousness as a result of sudden inexplicable flood rumours. These declared that 60 had been killed in an explosion at the Pedro Miguel locks, that there had been a terrific slide in the Gaillard Cut of the Panama Canal, and that there had been a major train wreck.

Some relatives of workers broke into a panic, refusing to believe official denials.—United Press.

This good news was given to me by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production.

"Aircraft production in every category," he said, "has, since May 10 (when Hitler's Western Blitzkrieg began) exceeded the total casualty list, including casualties sustained through accidents at home."

"The aircraft available of every type now in use exceeds the number of machines at the disposal of the Air Force when the battle broke out."

Lord Beaverbrook added that, in addition to production, repairs had replenished stocks.

There was on hand a very good surplus stock of engines.

The Minister paid tribute to all who had contributed to this result.

"The public," he said, "should give thanks for this immense effort to all the aircraft factories and engine shops, and to their workers, who have striven by night and day, without time off for recreation, without any regard for the pleasures and amenities of life."

"Their conduct is beyond praise. We can place our future in their keeping with confidence."

LATE NEWS

NAZI LOSSES TOTAL 23

LONDON, July 26 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that enemy plane losses in yesterday's battles now total 23.

This is believed to be a record. During the night there was slight enemy activity over southeast and southwest England and Wales. Some bombs were dropped over a town in East Anglia. No damage or casualties are reported from any area.

BRITAIN'S AIR TRIUMPHS

LONDON, July 26 (Reuter).—Referring to the R.A.F.'s 1,000 raids in three months, the "Daily Mail" says that the British air triumphs should strengthen our confidence, but not lead us back into complacency.

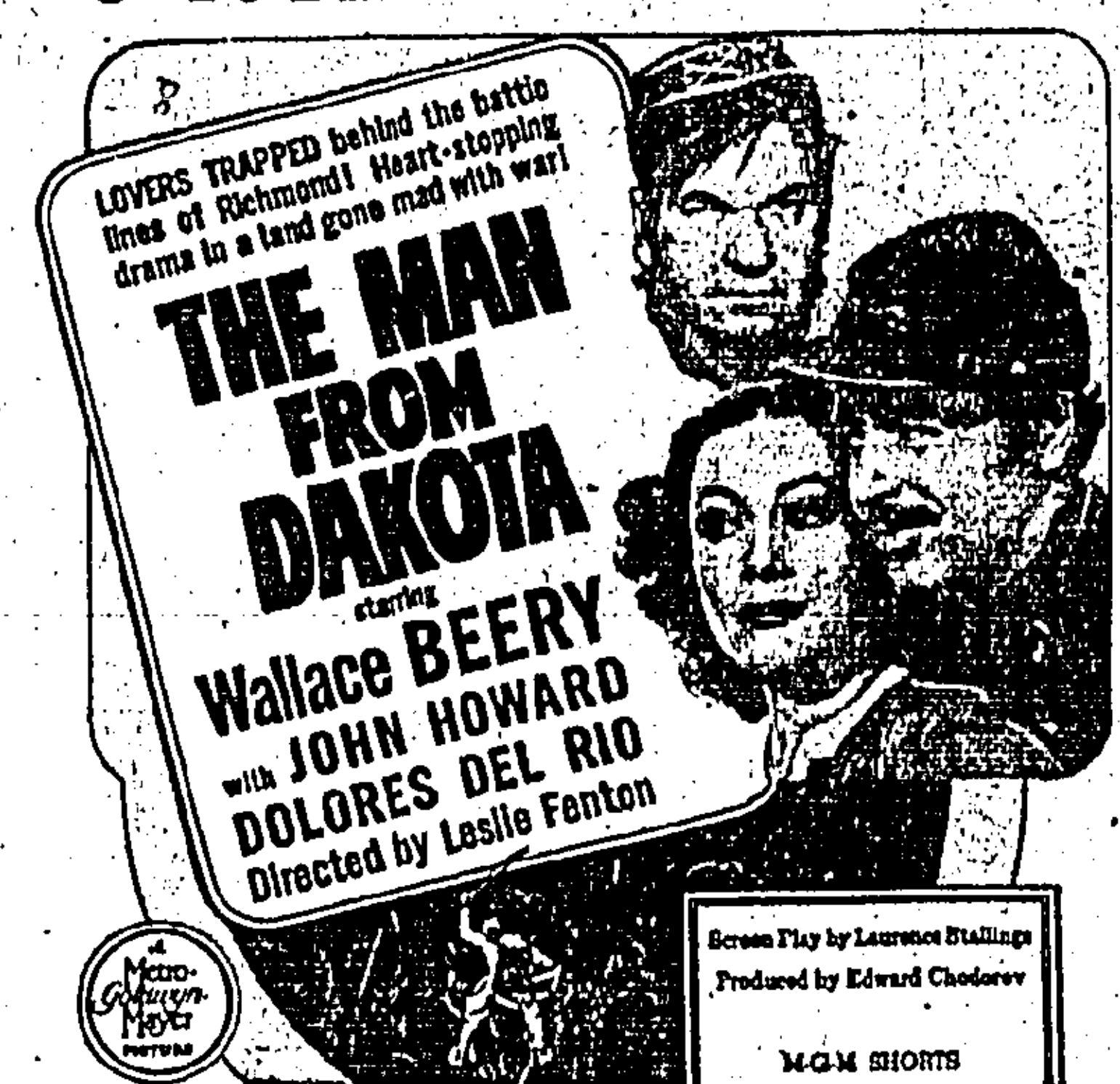
Britain must go ahead with the intensive production of existing types in an effort to overtake the German quantity, but we must never overlook the need for improving our already high quality. We must always be a few moves ahead of Hitler.

Warning the people against becoming excited about Mr. Hearst's forecast that America will be in the war within a year, and against complacency in general, the "Daily Herald" says: "Let the ostriches bury their heads in the warm, soothing sand. The rest of us won't relax one iota in our preparedness, our vigilance and our resolution."

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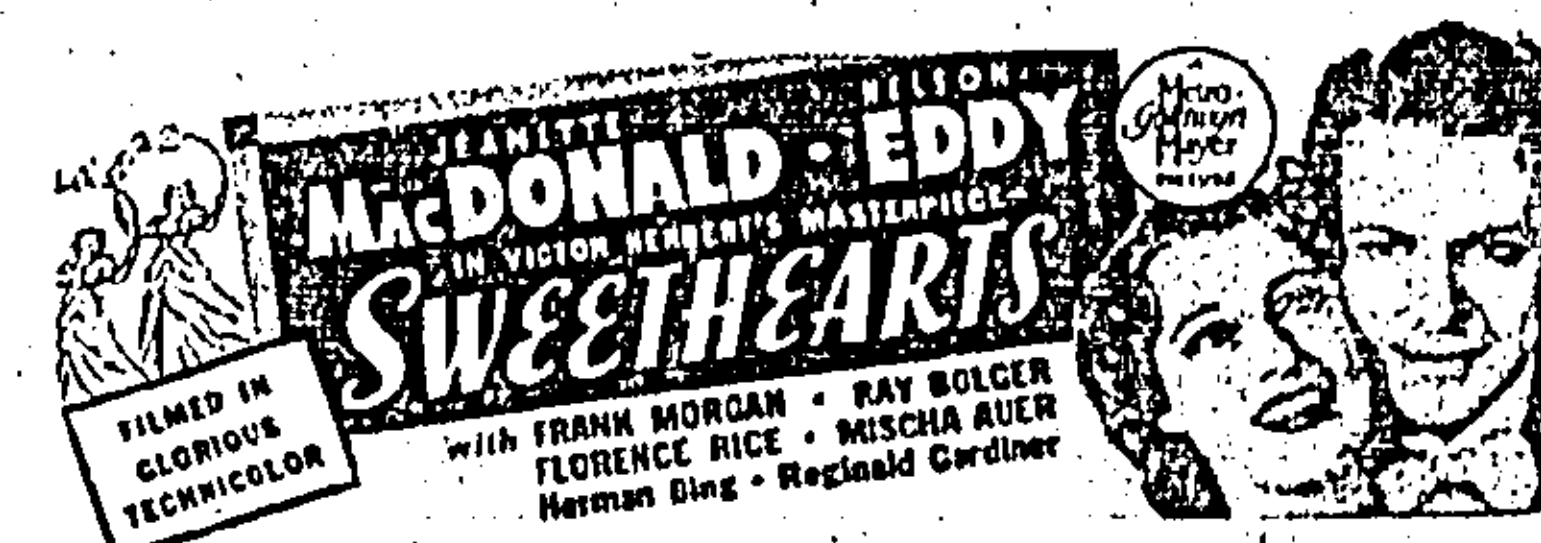


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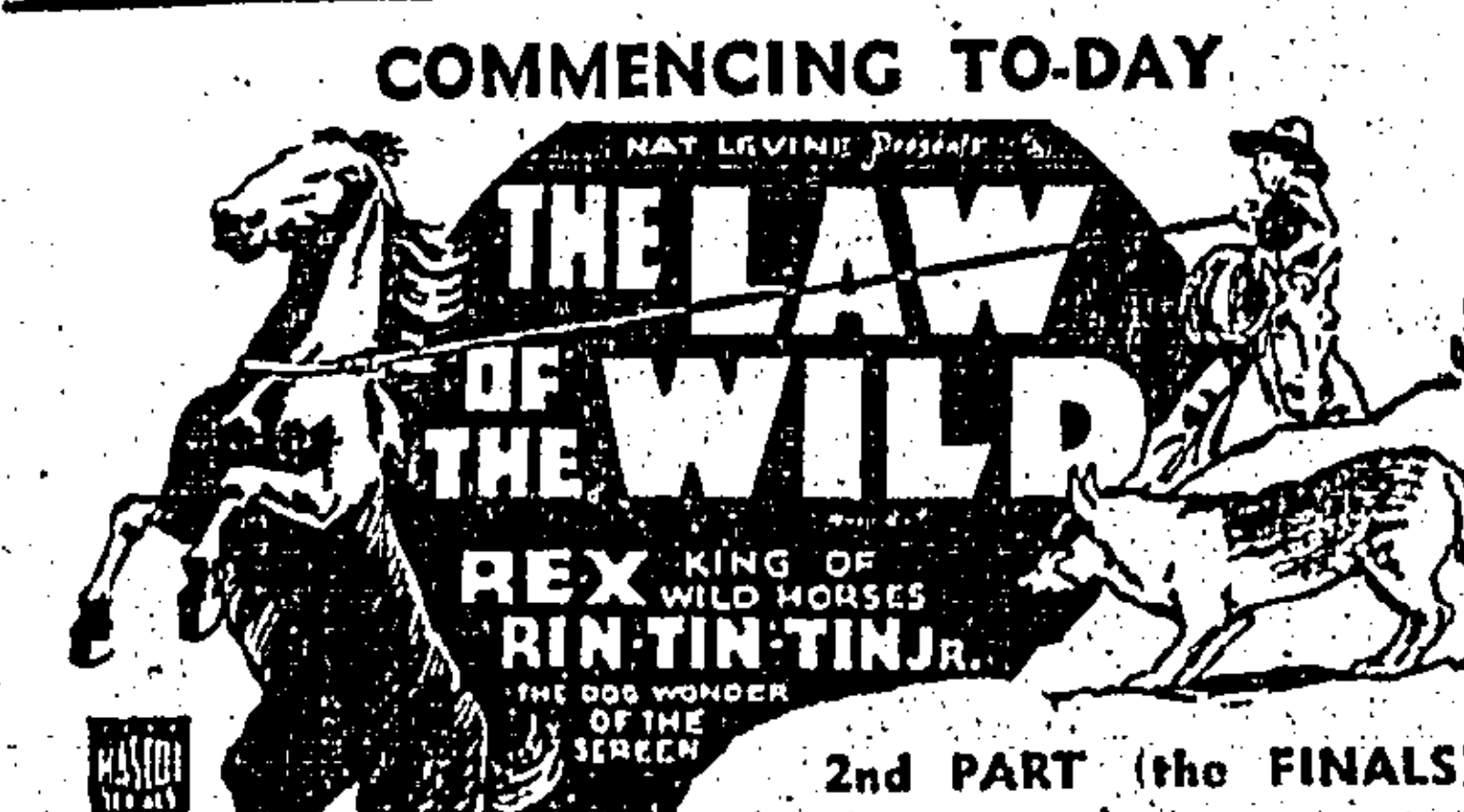
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